

Mine Falls Park Trail Committee — Meeting Minutes from Sept 8th-2026.

Attendees: Kamal Masand, Lon Humberger, Ben Davis, Andrew Lucci, Justin Hoprich, Steven Kenney, Natalie Lucci, Paula Lochhead, Bryan Conant.

1. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes=7:00 PM.

- Motion made and seconded to approve the previous meeting's minutes. The motion passed.

2. Committee Updates & Personnel Changes

- Flora is returning and will resume attending meetings.
- Matt Roscoe is leaving the committee due to time conflicts. The chair thanked him for his service.
- The committee will follow up with the city (Greg) to update the member list on the city website.

3. Bridge Repairs & Inspections

- Mill Pond Bridges: Minor safety repairs have been completed. A structural engineer may be needed to inspect the wooden structures and stone abutments due to their age and remaining service life.
- North 7th Street Bridge: Recommendations are pending from Hoyle Tanner regarding the bridge flooring/surface. Discussion included the potential use of expanded metal or sub-surface metal beneath the wooden boards.
- Gatehouse Inspection: A site walk with structural engineer Jason Gallant (Wright-Pierce) is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2026, at 11:00 AM to assess the entire building (roof, soffits, moisture issues). A summary report will be requested before the next BPW meeting on September 24th.

4. Proposed 2030 Pedestrian Bridge (Tannery Site Connection)

- Access & Route: Representatives from Community Development explored access options. The proposed route enters via the access road near the cell towers, runs along the back of Soccer Field 4, and crosses over to the old Tannery site.
- Design & Specs: Due to elevation differences, the bridge landing will likely feature an elevated boardwalk/ramp. Construction must be ADA-compliant.
- Trail Impact & Maintenance: The committee discussed potential traffic increases, trail widening (crushed gravel vs. asphalt), clearing brush for visibility and safety, and clarifying maintenance responsibilities (snow removal, trail upkeep) between the city and housing/property management.
- Adjournment : 801 pm