



Village of Hewitt

7688 McLean Drive
Hewitt, Wisconsin 54441

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Trails Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 in the Yellowstone Recreational Park Pavilion at 7658 Yellowstone Drive.

Present: Jeff Binder, Joe Bores, Romelle Bymers, Ken Eilers, Pete Hulke, Kevin Nowack and Karen Tritz

Absent: Randy Dragt, Mike Draxler, Jen Hafermann, Maureen Hulke, Steve Kluge and Renee Tolppi

Guests: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Romelle to approve the August 20, 2012 meeting minutes, second by Pete, motion carried.

Financial Report Village:

• Beginning Balance	10,795.67
• Incomes	.00
• Expenses	37.68
• Ending Balance	10,757.99

Public Input: None

Old Business:

- August 22, 2012 meeting with the City: City of Marshfield officials invited us to meet with them, county officials and committee members from the Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails (MAFOTT). Topics discussed included an overview of the connection, design considerations, cost estimates, funding and a name. A committee was formed to research and formulate plans to connect the trails. Kevin volunteered to represent the Hewitt Area Trails committee.
- Ditching to improve drainage along the south side of the West section of the trail: Work has been completed.
- Improve drainage along the East section of trail: The Village Board approved work to be completed for the first of the following three projects. 1) Install rip rap rock around the large culverts east of 5th Street. 2) Clean the ditch on the south side of the trail from 5th Street to the east. 3) Clean the ditch on the south side of the trail between 5th and 7th Street. Jeff will notify the contractor.
- Update on the gates: Two gates are made. Kevin and Jeff will coordinate time, materials and equipment for installation.
- Finalization of DNR Grant: No update.

New Business:

- Communication from Town Board meeting: No action taken.
- Communication from Village Board meeting: Approved bid to clean out brush and dirt and install fabric and rip rap at two culverts East of 5th Street.
- Goals and projects for 2013: We reviewed and prioritized a list of projects. Project for 2013 include:
 - Natural Area & Lagoons: 1) Develop additional nature trails - 2) Open shelter - 3) Nature viewing signage - 4) Selective harvesting
 - 10 Acre Park (Town): 1) Reforestation
 - Hewitt-Marsh Trail: 1) Install permanent gate - 2) New map
- A workday is scheduled for Saturday 9/22 to construct and install a new foot bridge on the south side of the lagoons.
- Tasks completed during the month (dates & time)
 - Pete & Kevin – sprayed weeds 8/22
 - Kevin – research lights/signs 8/24
 - Kevin – research prices 8/31

- Kevin – cut weeds 9/1
- Kevin & Jeff – gates and ditch transformation 9/10
- Kevin – gates 9/11 & 9/17
- Business not anticipated in advance: A resident talked with Kevin and Pete regarding vandalism of personal property and dog waste left on the trail. This prompted a discussion on lighting, fences, placing more signs on the trail with hours and instructing pet owner to clean up after their pets. Kevin will order additional signs. Ken will put a message on the electronic sign at the intersection of Main Street and Yellowstone reminding residents that it is their responsibility to clean up after their pets. Residents that see people on the trail after hours or doing damage should contact the sheriff's department.
- If there are no outstanding projects that need attention after October's meeting, we'll stop meeting until next year.

Agenda items for the October Meeting:

- **Old business**
 - Follow-up meeting with city and county officials and MAFFOT committee members
 - Work on the trail east of 5th street
 - Installation of the gates
 - Finalization of the DNR grant
- **New business**
 - Communication from Town Board meeting
 - Communication from Village Board meeting
 - Update on 9/22 workday to construction and install foot bridge
 - Meeting schedule for 2012 and 2013
 - Tasks completed during the month (dates & time)
 - Business not anticipated in advance

Items for future agendas:

- Selective Harvesting- Fall/Winter
- Projects for 2013
- Grooming trails for cross country skiing - 2013
- Update on City's plans for connection with the Hewitt-Marsh Trail - 2013

Next Meeting: October 15, 2012, 7:30 PM, Yellowstone Recreational Park, 7658 Yellowstone Drive

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Submitted by: Karen Tritz, HAPT Secretary