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Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – Oct 17, 2016

DRAFT – These minutes have not yet been approved!

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Hewitt Administrative Building, 11064 Main Street, Hewitt.

Present: Mike Draxler, Joe Bores, Ken Eilers, Jason Wagner, Becky Wagner, Kevin Nowack, Romelle Bymers

Absent: Maureen Hulke, Pete Hulke, Jeff Binder

Guests: Gordy Burr

Minutes: A motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting was made by Ken and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The report from the Village Treasurer showed the Trails budget \$32.63 overdrawn.

Public Input: None.

Old Business:

- Trail Map Signage
 - Recommend budgeting \$1,000 for signs, hardware, posts, etc.
 - Discussed different signage options:
 - \$100/sign for standard configuration: aluminum sign using images from Wood County Planning Office
 - Comprehensive map on larger signs 24X36 - \$100 each; 2 large signs with recommended placement at 7th & Hemlock & Yellowstone Park.
 - Smaller 12X18 street sign size to go on Trails gates- \$35 each; 10 small signs, \$35/sign = \$250; 2 large, \$100/sign.
 - Signage/prices available to view on signs.com.
 - Need frames for larger signs or spacer.
 - Will communicate via email over the winter months to confirm what we want, obtain map files, send to signs.com and choose locations (one on 3rd, beginning of boardwalk, 7th & Hemlock, Stadt & Yellowstone, etc.)
- Trail Signage on Stadt Rd: Joe will follow up on status.
- Facebook Activities: No updates at this time
- Snow Removal on Trails for 2016-2017 season: No response yet from the City of Marshfield. Mike will follow-up with the City to obtain a quote. Decision can be made at the Village Board level to participate with the City.

- Update on Mowing operations for lagoons & connector. (Mike & Joe): JJ's mowing has been doing the sides of the trails. Didn't do lagoons because he didn't feel that he could fit with his tractor. He is willing to come back by the Lagoon's with a smaller unit – still expect to get it done this year. Mowing will be done around the turnaround area in time for this year's Pumpkin Run.
- Bridge Construction: Water is still sitting at the construction site. Will budget for fasteners & edging- \$200. If we cannot get enough pallets to make boardwalk north of the bridge, we will use mulch/woodchips over the tree roots. Project on hold until next year.
- General Trail Maintenance: Kevin will continue winter grooming with his ATV. Kevin will email Mike a photo of his 4x4 groomer to see what we can construct to get extra weight.
- Trail Gates: Gates are installed. They are not drilled, have no reflectors or pins. Kevin will help finish the last 3 gates (will pick up tape & pins) by Spring. Need signage: no motorized vehicles, no pet waste, etc. Kevin will send Mike the website information for signage. Need stop sign by gate on Main Street where trail starts.
- Single Track Trail Creation: Kevin & Mike will flag the trail this winter with snowshoes and cleanup trail along the way. Project will then be on hold until next year.
- Clinic Trail Shoulder Seeding: No shoulder seeding to do because blacktop hasn't been completed yet. Joe will talk to Kevin from American Asphalt. Project on hold until next year.
- Fencing along Maple St Trail: Need to wait till spring to install due to weather.

New Business:

Communication from Town Board meeting: None

Communication from Village Board meeting: None

Discussion / recommendations for 2017 budgeting: \$1,000 - Signage and hardware; \$100 - Grass seed; \$500 – Sealant; \$100 - Weed killer; \$200 – Buckthorn; \$400 – Construction supplies; \$? - Snow removal; \$? - Brochures/printing costs; \$2,XXX total

Grant Proposal to do blacktopping of trail between 3rd and 7th.

Gordy has an individual to do rodent control at the lagoons.

Brochures will be on hold until next year.

It was discussed as to whether it would be beneficial to combine the Parks and Trails Committees. This will need to be discussed at the Village Board level.

Romelle will develop a tracking system for volunteer hours.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Joe, second by Kevin to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2017. 6:30 PM Admin Building

Submitted by Mike Draxler, Trails Committee Chairman