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Trails Committee Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM at the Hewitt Administrative Building, 11064 Main Street, Hewitt.

Present: Mike Draxler, Joe Bores, Jeff Binder, Jeff Heeg, Romelle Bymers,

Absent: Pete Hulke, Maureen Hulke, Kevin Nowack, Charlie Adamski, Becky Wagner, Jason Wagner, Ken Eilers,

Guests: Gordy Burr

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Jeff Binder and seconded by Jeff Heeg.
Motion carried.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was reviewed during the meeting. Jeff Heeg reported that the commitment from the Town is expected to remain the same this year.

Public Input: None.

Old Business:

Trail Map Signage: Dave Schoepke is assisting with verification of trail distances listed on the map. After that verification, Mike will meet with the Wood County Planning office to correct some locational inaccuracies. Then a digital file will be sent to a vendor for making a sample.

Facebook Activities: No updates at this time

Bridge Construction: Weather has been drying. We'll try to put together a work session.

Preservative for the Boardwalk: Drying weather may permit us to get at this soon.

Trail Gates & Sign Needs: The Stop sign at Stadt and the connector trail will be remounted on the gate so it doesn't block the Hewitt-Marsh trail sign. Other signage will be put on order. A Stop sign may be considered on the Treatment Plant road.

Fencing along Maple St Trail: Manufacturer of the fencing had a fire and no materials will be available for a while.

General Maintenance: Brush trimming will probably wait until fall for cooler weather and the leaves to come off. Grass mowing along the trails continues to be done. Mike had a conversation with Kent Mueller of Marshfield Area Friends of the Trails while mowing on the connector trail. He had some good comments about our trails and reiterated that some map signage would be helpful. Jeff Binder reported that he had gotten some pricing from Ron Doine for repairs to portions of the recycled blacktop trails. That quote will be taken to the Village Board.

Update on Grant Ideas: Mike spent time on the DNR grant application. Pete Hulke is helping with some research. Mike will try to schedule a meeting with DNR Grant Specialist Beth Norquist.

New Business:

No updates from the Village or Town Boards.

Mike has gotten a response from the DNR that we do not need their permission to remove unnecessary signage on the connector trail. Mike will make a listing to have the Town review and we'll schedule removal after that.

A discussion was had on snowplowing the connector trail. We will probably do the same as last year. It was noted that it's hard to determine usage to balance against the cost. A possibility would be to put up a trail camera to count users but there are drawbacks to that also. Three years of plowing would be a good time frame to let people learn that it's open. After that maybe some sort of survey would be in order.

Business not anticipated in advance:

A verbal estimate for closure of the cistern by the Maple Street trail was received and will be presented to the Village Board.

Information for the good of the group:

Damage done by a truck to the trail at the south end of 6th Street has been properly repaired.

The timer for the trail lights to the Yellowstone Recreational Park has been reset by Gordy.

Items for future agendas:

- Parks & Trails Brochure Updates – 2017
- Single track trail creation: Waiting on Kevin.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2017 at 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn made at 7:00pm by Jeff Binder and seconded by Jeff Heeg.

Submitted by: Mike Draxler, Trails Committee Chairperson

Final approval of minutes will be at August 21, 2017, meeting