

River and Trails Task Force Meeting
April 5, 2010.
Hall of Fame Room.

Present: Jon Lewis, Sandra Black, Nancy Hagen, Steve Tone, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Tom Majewski, Tom Lynch.

1. Call to order by Chair Nancy Hagen at 6:01 p.m.
2. Motion by Tone with a second by Liebmann to approve minutes of March 1, 2010. Carried.
3. Communications: Doug Davis will be resigning from the Task Force. Karl Manthe and Tom Lynch have been working this spring with Joe Dorava from Vierbicher on getting an estimate and grants for restoring the bank at Division Street Park. Once we have the information, we will seek approval for the funding needed to do the job. The fish cribs are planned to be constructed on April 24 with installation on the following Saturday.
4. Business Park Trail Stakes: Tom Lynch spoke with Mike Tachick, the owner of the two properties along the trail. His surveyor put the stake there. He will move the stake off the trail to a nearby location. He also doesn't see any issue with the trail being there. There are 12 foot easements on his lots. It looks like the trail runs over the lot line. Either way is not a problem at this time. The stakes are now gone.
5. Dog Waste Stations on River Trail: According to Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Sean Brusegar, the dog waste stations were emptied a couple of times during the winter and have been cleaned recently. He is not willing to invest in the bags at this point due to theft of the previous supply. Steve Tone did a presentation of dog waste disposal. Discussed signage on the trail at entrance about dog waste disposal. Steve will create this sign for a total of 6. Discussed advertising in Tower Times. Fine and court costs for not picking up waste was discussed.

6. Pedestrian Bridge Update:

Donor Grant: Initial contract was not positive. One member of the donor grant committee didn't feel a bridge project fit their goals at this time. They meet on April 24 to officially decide. Tom is not expecting a positive result this time around.

Stewardship Grant: Nancy and Tom Lynch met last week to create an inventory of next steps. When Nancy and Jim Wilcox return from vacation, a meeting with Dave Rice and Tom Majewski will occur to collect information for the grant.

Movin' Out Development: On Thursday April 1, a decision will be made on whether the purchase will go through. If it does, then there will be more details worked out through the development plan

7. Skaalen Sunset Home property: Mark Benson was still unavailable. Tom should have information next week. Rob (Youth Center) was interested as well.

8. Prairie Maintenance Update: Sean Brusegar said both prairies were burned in 2009 . This year each prairie will get the 18” cut. There are some oaks in the Schefelker Park Prairie that have been marked by Jack Bicksler for saving.
9. Trail Clean-Up Reminder: April 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
10. Future Projects : No discussion.
11. Adjournment: Motion by Majewski seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean