

River and Trails Task Force Minutes

July 11, 2022

Bjoin Park – Park Shelter

Present: Jim Wilcox, Nancy Hagen, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Jim Killian, Kurt Byfield, Dan Glynn, Phil Caravello. Brief guest: Tim Swadley

CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim K. at 1733.
2. Approval of May 2, 2022 Minutes: Approved by Ralph with a second by Nancy.
3. Communications:
 - a. Magnolia Meadows will be a new subdivision at the corner of Aaker Road and Fourth Street. This will connect the trail from the bike park. A feasibility study will be completed next year. There was discussion of a complete boardwalk trail but the flood plain consists of only 50 yards.
 - b. Nancy mentioned tree roots in the trail coming in from Industrial Park North and discussion ensued about fixing it.
 - c. There will be a site visit in early August for evaluation for placement of a new cell tower that will net \$2000 a month. Discussed who would be the recipient of the funds. A handout of tower specifics was shared.
 - d. There is some leftover boardwalk that can be used to create spots for river view access near Amundson Park.
4. Project updates:
 - a. Riverfront: A picture was shared of the new rock wall structure on the river that also includes steps for ease of getting to the water. The Department of Public Works contamination site needs to be fixed and there will be a remedial action plan.
 - b. Phase 2 of the Yahara Chain of Lakes includes removing 152,000 cubic yards of sediment to improve water flow , flood storage capacity along with fish and wildlife habitat, from an update with Joe Parisi.
 - c. Virgin Lake Trail Design: Preliminary plans are being drawn for Jackson Street through Hwy 51 West.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Winter Special Event: Discussed a winter (December) get-together on a trail with a bonfire. Discussed obtaining a groomer for part of the trail. The Task Force is interested in pursuing this event.
2. River Trail Planning Grant: It will cost \$35,000 to do a study looking at different routes from the Pedestrian Bridge to Mandt Park. This will be in the 2023 budget.
3. Future Agenda Items: There will be a River Park Development meeting on July 12, 2022 at the Town of Pleasant Springs Hall for residents. It was reported there are no changes currently being made to the County B garage or creation of a boat ramp. Nancy mentioned seeing someone using a weed wacker at the Division Street Park and Dan will check it out.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1845 by Nancy with a second by Kurt. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Dean