

River and Trails Task Force Minutes
January 9, 2023.
Virtual meeting.

Present: Jim Lewis, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Jim Killian, Kurt Byfield, Dan Glynn.
Guest: Phil Caravello.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1731.
2. Approval of November 7, 2022. Approved by Bob with a second by Jon. Carried.
3. Communications:
Project Updates:
 - a) Riverfront: The first phase is on hold until the spring. The DNR received a grant extension, if needed. The second phase is the permitting process with approval as dam reconstruction. This will be classified as a large dam. Every 10 years there will be an inspection to make sure it is structurally sound with drops, etc. There will be a booth at Canoecopia the weekend of March 10-12, 2023. Dan will be present at the booth and would welcome other volunteers. Mandt Part will be obtaining a \$172,000 stewardship grant, Dan provided scaled down coverage in a handout provided.
 - b) Cell Tower: The business offered \$24,000 per year. Dan has asked for \$30,000 per year, which is apparently the going rate.
 - c) Feasibility Study: Stoughton Trailers has closed on the feasibility study. There is discussion of a big park, perhaps a recreation center, on 1/3 of the 180 total acreage.
 - d) 51 West Master Plans: Dan shared a map for the members to view.
 - e) Lower Yahara River Trail: Dan stated he is working on the grant agreement.
 - f) River Trail interpretive Signs: Dan shared the new Yahara River Trail Prairie sign, the new Osprey sign and a new Cattail sign. The total cost was \$5500. These signs will be installed in the spring by the Boy Scouts as a project.
 - g) Winter Hike: Dan shared an email from Tony King regarding the event scheduled for February 10, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Pre-registration for the event is recommended because of parking limitations. Dan will be seeking volunteers for the event.
 - h) Kettle Park West Master Plan: Dan updated this will take six months to complete.
 - i) Discussed a 10 foot wide trail from Fourth Street to Milwaukee Street in the Magnolia subdivision.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Virgin Lake Trail Design – Roby to 51 West. Dan discussed the design and shared a map. The road crossing will change now. Dan also explained slope changes including a guard rail in one location. Once this is updated, it will be shared in a public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Trail Naming: Dan shared a Park Naming Policy and asked River and Trails Task Force Committee Members to consider naming the new trails.
6. Future Agenda Items: Spring Clean-Up will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1833 by Joni, with a second by Bob. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Dean