River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2020
Hall of Fame Room

Present: Chair Ralph Erickson, Bob Diebel, Jon Lewis, Sandra Black, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Phil Caravello, Jim Killian, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Glynn.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to order: Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ralph Erickson.
2. January 6, 2020 Minutes. Approval tabled.
3. Communications:
   a. Yahara River Park Update: Dan reviewed Riparian Owners Meeting Recap of January 23, 2020. The Recap Notes are attached to today's meeting packet. Dan felt the overall response was positive. Dan has applied to DNR for a Dam Removal Grant of approximately $400,000. Strand Associates is working on a separate grant application for approximately $320,000 for millpond restoration and remediation.
   b. Dan reviewed Public Meeting recap of January 29, 2020. Public Questions and Comments from that meeting are attached to today's meeting packet. Meeting information was published in Stoughton Courier Hub and in the Wisconsin State Journal.
   c. Dan met with 6 citizens of the Town of Pleasant Springs with concerns about water levels once the dam is removed. He explained to the citizens and to our committee that the city cannot budget to explore riparian effects in the Township. He encouraged them to attend City of Stoughton meetings about the dam removal issue.
   d. Mandt Park Master Plan: A new draft preferable plan was shared, which can be viewed on the City website. Dan met with Jill Weiss, Public Utilities Director, to discuss putting a path behind the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Next step for the Master Plan is to work on cost estimates. e. Committee Renewals- Dan will advance names to Mayor for renewals.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

5. Earth Day Clean-Up: Scheduled for April 25, 2020 at 9:00 am, at Pedestrian Bridge. Dan contacted the Scouts and Nancy Hagen contacted the Tower Times. It was posted on the city 's Facebook page.
6. Phil and Dan explained a proposed trail from Kwik Trip east to Vernon Street, where the land has been cleared for power lines, is too steep to make it an official trail.
7. 315 Industrial Circle: Mike Stacey, Zoning, sent a letter last week to the property owner explaining that the owner had cleared land and placed personal property in violation of the city property lines.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on May 4, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Moved by Jon Lewis, seconded by Bob Diebel to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Black