

River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018
Ed Overland Room

Present: Nancy Hagen, Bob Diebel, Joni Dean, Larry Liebmann, Ralph Erickson, Phil Caravello, David Sharpe, Dan Glynn.

Call to Order

1. Call to order by Bob Diebel at 5:32 pm.
2. January 8, 2018. Minutes that were not included in the packet were shared at the meeting and approved by Larry with a second by Phil. Carried.
3. Communications:
 - a. Update of the Mandt Park Riverfront Project: The first draft was shared dated March 4, 2018. There is a 9 foot drop from the first pool to the last. Dan is getting permits from the DNR and estimates. Clean-up of the sediment will be with a Federal Grant. Dan will have cost estimates at the end of this week and apply for a Stewardship Grant in May. Dan has plans to meet with several stakeholder groups. Nancy again brought up the idea of placing a Mandt Wagon, covered, in the park.
 - b. Virgin Lake Trail boardwalk update: This has not been completed because of the wet weather. They need the boardwalk to be moveable, if needed. Solar kiln-dried wood is being used.

Old Business

4. Plan for volunteers to install bike route signs: This will be done during the Spring Clean-up. Dan will contact Tower Times and The Hub with Clean-Up specifics for printing. Phil and Bob will do a trial run of putting up the signs with needed tools, etc and correspond to the group with their plan.
5. Update on the timeline for install and locations of the Yahara River Trail informational boards: The signs are completed and will be installed at the entrance to the Amundson Trail and at the pedestrian bridge.

New Business

6. Amundson Trail to Stoughton Hospital to Ridge Street: Dan shared a map showing the location of the route which is now a foot trail, 8-10 feet wide. Bob will contact the Hospital to make this an official link.
7. Discussion and possible action of creating a steering committee for the Yahara River Whitewater Park Project. Nancy motioned that the steering committee for the Whitewater Park Project report to Parks and Recreation with a second by Phil.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Dean