

River and Trails Task Force Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2018
Ed Overland Room

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

1. Call to order by Bob Diebel at 5:30 pm
2. November 11, 2017 Minutes: Approved by Sandra with a second by Phil. Carried.
3. Communications:
 - a. Update of the Mandt Park plan including future meeting with DNR officials in regards to Whitewater Park: The plan and design proposal will cost \$23,000. Dan is checking out a stewardship grant and other grants. Discussed options of removing the dam, keeping the dam or using a bypass.
 - b. Amundson Trail project update including bid packet: Dan reported that the packet is being put together with a contract to be done in the spring.
 - c. Future meeting with Cummins volunteers on how they would like to move forward with Virgin Lake Trail: Tabled for future discussion.
 - d. Yahara River rail highlighted in Rail to Trails blog: Joni provided a handout on the Rails to Trails blog which mentions the Lower Yahara River Trail as one of the "Nine Hot New Rail Trails in 2017".

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4. Plan for volunteers to install bike route signs: Signs and supplies to install them are set to go. Will address this at the next meeting.
5. Update on the timeline for install and locations of the Yahara River Trail informational boards: The signs have been ordered and will be installed in the spring, both at the Pedestrian Bridge and Amundson Park.
6. Trail location, timeline and funding options for Settlers Point Trail: This is a 2019 project at the corner of County Roads N&B. The Bryant Foundation has offered a 50/50 match. The trail will be a gravel 10 foot trail.
7. Future agenda items: The Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday April 21 at 9:00 am. An announcement of this date should be placed in the Tower Times. Dan will contact scouts to inform them of the date.

Adjournment: Motion by David with a second by Ralph to adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Dean