

Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)
March 23, 2023 1:00 PM
Eagle River City Hall 525 E Maple St, Eagle River, WI

1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM public present included:

Jeff and Ann Currie - Cloverland
Robin Ginner-Eagle River Administrator
Francine Gough- Cloverland Supv. 1
Todd Bierman - Vilas Parks&Rec. Supv.
Mike Robillard - GHT
Carlton Schroeder - (GHT Sugar Camp)

Gary Meister - GHT
* David Meurett - DOT
* Mark Ratty - DOT
* Rich Handrick - DOT
* Zoom

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Meeting Posting was verified for all 3 participating municipalities.

4. Roll Call - **Ron Kressin** (RK), **Joe Spitz** (JJS), **Jim Swenson** (JS) - Chairman. Quorum Present.

5. No objections were made to taking the agenda in any order at the discretion of Chairman

6. Kressin moved to approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes, Spitz seconded. Board vote approved the minutes.

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(a) General discussions were held regarding the trail with the DOT to understand their requirements. It was stated that only municipalities or the County could sign the MOA that they would prepare to cover the trail segments. These agreements need to be executed in the June-July timeframe for the TAP grants. After that if the Grant was given then they need to be turned into a SMA (State-Municipal Agreement). Then Construction Access Permits would be required to get approval to construct on their ROW, The state standard for bike trails is 10 feet wide. Additional tree clearance width (four feet on both sides) was not discussed.

Winter maintenance requirement- generally "rural" trail segments are not required to be maintained (plowed). However, "higher development areas" are required to be maintained. It was stated that they would probably require plowing from the Mud Creek recreational bridge to the East to the E.R. endpoint.

Regarding current commercial parking in State 70 ROW and how it would affect trail the DOT said that they would have to determine if the businesses involved had been granted a permit for that.

(b) Future Tasks - 1. Preparation of a maintenance budget and preparation of private easement documents.

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(a) Jeff Currie stated that they have the Steigerwaldt study and have a meeting scheduled with them near the end of April. Based on their determination of the real estate value, it looks like the private easements would require in the neighborhood of \$200K to the owners. There is of course hope that they might "donate" it back to GHT.

9. No discussion

10. No discussion

11. Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2023, 4:00PM (which was eventually postponed due to weather)

12. Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 2:06 PM