

Non-Motorized Trails Committee Minutes

April 10, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: Committee members – Anne Small, Jim Swenson, Becky Dunn, Bob Scheell, Jimmy Vogel and Marion Janssen. Mary Platner was absent. Also in attendance were Tom Christensen, Jack Bourgeois, Dennis Dieter, Dave and Wally Geist.
3. Anne Small posted the meeting agenda in accordance with the open meeting law before 5:00 on April 7, 2017.
4. Motion to approve agenda made by Bob S, seconded by Jim S. Motion carried.
5. No citizen concerns.
6. Anne had questions about the information that Jack Burgeois discussed at the meeting on March 5th. In particular she had questions about the grant he was applying for, which he stated could only be applied for by motorized trail groups. She called Jillian at the DNR and found out that he was referring to the \$45,000 Recreational Trail grant, which not limited to motorized vehicles and trail construction can't be done until grant approved so May 1st deadline is not applicable. She said that this information calls into question the necessity for creating a 24' multiuse trail divided by fencing with bikes on one side and ATVs on the other, which was discussed and approved at the April 5th meeting.

Jack B. says some discrepancies in minutes from April 5th. He said that they listed 10' ATV trail width repeatedly. Anne S. explained that the minutes did not mention a 10' trail width. The only place where the 10' trail width was listed was in the "Trail Proposal" document that she compiled after the initial meeting of the committee with the ATV club representatives in November and was based on the information that both groups discussed. This was emailed out to everyone after the November meeting and had no objections at that time.

Tom C. would like to see 2 separate paths with trees in between when possible. If the trails are close to each other, fencing would be needed for that short distance.

ATV club says no Stormwater Runoff permit is needed as they don't disturb below the surface.

Jimmy V. noted that fill and or culvert maybe needed closer to Half Mile Road for the bike path because of the hill, but that this could be added when the bike trail construction takes place. ATV club reps said they wouldn't need the fill for that area.

ATV club will need to leave no less than 5' between east lot line and their path according to the setback rule.

Dennis D. stated that "Call Bob" will charge \$2800 for clearing the ATV trail using a forester machine. No digging of the trees and the mulch is what is left.

There was no concern with the ATV club starting their clearing on the fat bike path area but Jimmy V. will help reflag that path with the ATV club.

Trail maintained by ATV – they would take care of trail maintenance on their 12’ trail in the 50’ corridor and the 28 acres as they get funding for the approximate 2 mile stretch.

Motion by Bob S. to rescind the motion from the April 5th meeting, seconded by Becky D. Motion passed.

Anne S. stated that she would like to see both the bike trail and the ATV trail laid out on the ground prior to any trail work and clearing being done in order to assure that there is room enough for both trails within the 50’ corridor.

It was discussed to mark-layout trails for both groups. Contractor will come through and clear both paths. Get wood lathes at Eliason Lumber to mark center of each trail with 2 different colors.

Both groups will meet on Thursday April 13, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Skateboard lot in town park mark the trail.

Motion by Bob S. to recommend to the Town Board to adopt 2 separate trails with natural buffer between. Seconded by Jimmy V. Motion passed.

Anne Small adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.