

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 15, 2015

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, Brad Conklin, John Beatty, Dale Wisnewski and Mark Clark. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter, Administrator Gaylene Rhoden and Street Superintendent Scott Turner were in attendance. John Brauer and Curt Dettinger were excused. Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Motion by Beatty/Wisnewski to approve the September 17, 2015 minutes with the noted correction “the swing set will be installed.” Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Rib Mountain Dr Phase 1.5 & 2 – Street Superintendent Turner stated Phase 1.5 road construction has been completed. All lanes are operational and the signals are in working order.

Town staff is still working on obtaining easements from property owners for a bike/ped trail to the tunnel. The Town is currently working on preliminary costs for Rib Mountain Drive Phase II.

The figures are far greater than expected for the Town’s wish list. The staff will review areas of enhancements that may need to be eliminated. Scott presented to the committee his vision of curb and gutter and additional sidewalks along the commercial district of Rib Mountain Drive and side street feeders. He suggested if the committee agreed with the visional planning they want to incorporate these features into their mapping. Committee members concurred this conceptual plan was a good idea. **Motion by Clark/Wisnewski to recommend that the Bike/Pedestrian long range mapping reflect the desires for curb and gutter, along with sidewalks in the Town’s commercial corridor. Questioned and carried.**

Granite Peak Updates – Scott noted there is no additional information to provide.

Park Commission Report –

Park Commission – Brad Conklin stated the Park Commission met Tuesday. An Eagle Scout is constructing and installing an informational kiosk at Doepke Park. The intent of the kiosk is to provide information on the Town’s bike routes with future plans of information being available.

MPO Report – John Beatty stated the MPO is developing a plan during the month of May to own it as the “Bike Month.” John presented some ideas that are being proposed or has been used in our communities. Committee members liked the plan but noted that a lot of fore thought will need to go into this process. Another idea presented at the MPO was bike friendly businesses that encourage their employees to bike to work. The MPO also strongly encourage the Town to reach out to Kocourek for another shelter and fix-it station. Administrator Rhoden will be attending a meeting with Mr. Kocourek next week and will try to make contact.

Lions County R Shelter Report – John Brauer provided an e-mail stating the project is moving along slowly, but the roof should be completed soon.

Trillium Trail – Scott Turner reported RFPs have been received and awarded to AECOM. They will be walking the area to develop a couple of different routes. The goal is to devise a trail that will minimize the amount of boardwalk needed as this is the portion that creates the greatness expense.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bike Route Signs – John Beatty is requesting the bike route signage be reinstalled. He noted as he enters our municipalities the signs erected. Mr. Turner reminded members there was a reason for the signs being taken down. Staff will need to research the cause and decide if it is viable to reinstall. It was suggested that the committee create a map reflecting only

designated bike routes within the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bike Racks in Rib Mountain – John Beatty stated he has noticed bike racks within the community. As a committee, we should encouraged business to endorse biking. John also asked what the status was on Curt Dettinger talking with business regarding additional bike racks within the community.

Rib Mountain Bike Ordinances – Mark Clark asked if this item could be addressed at the January or February meetings.

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Wisnewski to adjourn at 8:44 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is November 19, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk