

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 21, 2019

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Brauer, John Beatty and Mark Clark**.
Excused: Curt Deininger.

Staff attendance included Street Superintendent Scott Turner, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Clerk Joanne Ruechel.

**Arrived at 7:35 a.m.

Minutes: Motion by Beatty/Brauer to approve the October 18, 2018 minutes. Questioned and carried 3-0.

Reports:

Park Commission – The Commission met on February 19, 2019. We will be doing the Easter Egg Hunt again this year from April 15th thru April 20th. Mr. Dick Austin donated 19 acres of land that is located behind the dog park. He would like this land to be used to expand the dog park and also for hiking trails.

Metro – No reports.

Staff Reports from Scott/Gaylene:

Granite Peak Updates – No report.

Administrator Rhoden reported that The Glass Nickle restaurant is coming to Rib Mountain. Staff is working on the audible pedestrian signals. The Town received a grant from Aspirus for the project. The Town also received a grant from Marshfield Clinic for \$1000. The Rib Mountain Lions Club is also interested in a donation towards the audible pedestrian signals. The signals would be placed at the intersections of CTH R/Robin Lane and Rib Mountain Drive/Robin Lane. The County will help pay for the CTH R/Robin Lane signal. The Town has also budgeted money for this project as well.

Trillium Trail – Superintendent Turner reported that easements were in the works. He also reported that construction cannot begin until after July 1 due to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's fiscal year. It was mentioned that if the County does put a road in the area eventually, it would probably run parallel to the trail.

Part of the boardwalk was damaged recently in a car accident and that damage will be fixed after the snow is gone. The Committee discussed why the trails are sometimes plowed before the roads are plowed. The Town has two part-time employees who do not need CDL licenses and they strictly work on the trails. Park Road trail going to the top of the hill from Violet Lane is closed due to the snow.

Adopt-a-Trail – Superintendent Turner is going to reach out to the groups who participate in the adopt-a-trail program prior to clean-up. The Green-and-Clean event is coming up on April 27, 2019 and Scott will check to see if he can coordinate the groups to work on that day.

Old Business:

Updates of bike prioritization List – Superintendent Turner stated that the maps have been updated and he will send out the maps once they are finalized.

Bike ordinance status – This is still being worked on by Superintendent Turner. The Committee discussed putting speed limit signs on the trails for e-bikes.

Bike Rack – Chairman Larson contacted Briq's soft serve and they are interested in putting in a bike rack. The Committee discussed if Briq's should pay for the bike rack themselves or if the Town should use money from the West Side Business fund. They also discussed what type of bike rack Briq's should buy. Superintendent Turner stated that he was given several bike racks and that they are available for free. The Commission would like to see bike racks also put at the dog park, near PetSmart and also near Michael's Crafts. John Brauer will speak to PetSmart about putting a bike rack in front of the business.

Morning Glory/Lilac development and street plans- Superintendent Turner reported that currently we are in a holding pattern for the development. The Town is currently working with developers on site development. In order to do the development, the Town would need to move the lift station and take out the overhead lines. A traffic analysis study would also have to be done which would take 4 to 5 weeks. The Committee members stated that they would like the developers to be aware of the bike paths in the area.

Future video for Trillium- include construction- Nothing to report.

New Business -

Bike rodeo planning- We have a new summer recreation director, Christian Kiepke. We will advertise the bike rodeo via the Town's Facebook page and Town Beat newsletter. The Committee will need to set the date, contact Rib Mountain Cycles and the Safe Kids organization so that they can be involved.

Report from Members – John Beatty would like an article in the Town's newsletter promoting bicycle safety and the Town's biking and walking trails. Mark Clark would also like the residents to know that the Town has made several additions and improvements to our bicycle/pedestrian pathways.

The Committee is looking for new members. Clerk Ruechel will contact Sean McCarthy and ask if he might like to participate.

Items for Town Board – Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Brauer to adjourn at 8:17 a.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be on March 21, 2019.

Submitted by
Joanne Ruechel
Clerk