

**RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**August 15, 2019**  
**7:30 A.M.**

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Brauer, Mark Clark and Lori Woldt

Excused: John Beatty, Curt Deininger and Paul Clarke

Staff attendance included Street Superintendent Scott Turner, and Town Clerk Joanne Ruechel.

Safety Moment- Chairman Larson reminded everyone that you should look for the emergency exits when you enter a building and always look for a way out.

Introductions- Lori Woldt joined the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee so she introduced herself to the other members.

Minutes: Motion by Clark/Brauer to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.

**Reports:**

Park Commission – Chairman Larson reported that the Parks Commission met last week. She reported that an additional 19 acres of land was recently donated to the Town and it is adjacent to the dog park. The land will be used for walking trails and possibly for snowshoeing in winter.

Metro – Nothing to report.

**Staff Reports from Scott/Gaylene:**

Granite Peak Updates – Superintendent Turner reported that Granite Peak recently put in transmission lines to bring in water from Lake Wausau to make snow.

Trillium Trail – Superintendent Turner will be checking with the consultant to see where the bidding process is at. He anticipates work starting on the trail around Thanksgiving and being done by the summer of 2020.

There has been more graffiti discovered in the tunnel. Andrea spoke with someone regarding putting a mural in the tunnel. The Committee discussed that there is quite a bit of maintenance associated with a mural in the years to come.

There has been activity around the trail on County Road “R”. TDS has been putting in fiber optic lines for the last several weeks along the trail.

It was reported that there was a horse on the Doepke Park nature trail. According to our Town ordinances, horses are not permitted on Town roads or trails.

**Old Business:**

Updates of bike prioritization List – Chairman Larson will send out the bike prioritization list to the Bike and Pedestrian Commission members.

Bike ordinance status – The bike ordinance has been completed. The section on E-bikes has been updated. This Ordinance will be presented to the Town Board for adoption.

**Motion by Clark/Brauer to recommend the Bike Ordinance to the Town Board as marked and revised. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Bike Rack – Chairman Larson stated that there is now a bike rack at Briq’s soft serve. Mark Clark is going to contact U.S. Bank to see if they would like to donate their bike rack back to the Town.

Future Video for Trillium-Include Construction- Chairman Larson asked that the Town get a video of the land that the Trillium trail will be built on. She recommended that we have a video of the land before and after the trail is developed.

Morning Glory/Lilac development and street plans- Superintendent Turner reported that the traffic count report has been completed. There are four developments that are moving forward in that area. There are several traffic improvements that will include widening the road and putting in sidewalks.

Bike Maps- The new bike maps were presented to the Bike and Pedestrian Committee members. The Committee suggested several minor changes that need to be made to the bike maps. The maps on the Towns website will also be updated with the newer maps.

**Motion by Clark/Brauer to exchange the new maps with the older maps. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

**New Business -**

Bike rodeo 2019 Re-Cap- Mark Clark stated that this was the third year for the bike rodeo. Everything went well this year. This year there were 40-45 kids that participated. Mark would like next year to have the Marathon County Sheriff’s Department come out with a squad car for the kids to see.

Future Walk Audit- Possible Locations- Last year a walk audit was done in the Town of Rib Mountain by Marathon County. Since then, audible signals were installed at Robin Lane and Hummingbird Road and also at Robin Lane and Rib Mountain Drive. Superintendent Turner stated that he didn’t believe that the Town needed to put in more audible signals at this time.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee discussed “safe routes” to South Mountain Elementary School. It was mentioned that a crossing guard was assigned to the South Mountain Elementary School area for the 2019-2020 school year. There are also flashing beacons on County Road N, near the fire department, to help children cross the road safely.

Audible Pedestrian Signals- Superintendent Turner stated that this project has been completed. We received donations from several organizations. In the future if an intersection is modified and the Town feels that an audible pedestrian signal needs to be installed, we could do it at that time.

Robin Lane-Trail Connection- While Granite Peak was installing the transmission lines to bring in water from Lake Wausau to make snow, they also cleared the land around the pond. At that time, they also cleared some land for a trail. The trail is at the west end of Robin Lane leading up to the entrance of Granite Peak. There will be fencing around the pond and

this trail will be open to the public.

**Report from Members** – Chairman Larson spoke about the two Iron Bull races that she is working on. One of the races is a running race that will utilize the Town bike and pedestrian trails. The second race is a 140-mile bike race and will again use the bike and pedestrian trails.

**Items for Town Board** – The Bike Ordinance

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be on September 19, 2019.

**Adjourn: Motion by Brauer/Clark to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Submitted by  
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Town of Rib Mountain Clerk