

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 19, 2019
7:30 A.M.

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Brauer, John Beatty, Curt Deininger and Lori Woldt

Excused: Mark Clark and Paul Clarke

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

Safety Moment- Andrea Larson reminded everyone to dress in layers for warmth in the upcoming colder months.

Minutes: Motion by Brauer/Beatty to approve the August 15, 2019 minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Reports:

Park Commission – Andrea Larson reported that the Parks Commission met last week. The Commission has been working with Mr. Dick Austin to come up with ideas for the new dog park addition. The land will be kept more rustic and they have decided to put trails on the property. It was also stated that there will be more parking put on the south end of the park.

Metro – John Beatty stated that they have not had a meeting in 2 months and that there is nothing to report.

Staff Reports from Scott/Gaylene:

Trillium Trail – Superintendent Turner just received the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to proceed with the trail. He plans to open the bidding in January and begin construction in March of 2020. They are looking at different material to use for the boardwalk and trying to be fiscally responsible with the decisions. The existing gravel trail will not be paved. The trail between Clover Lane going north will be paved. There will also be flashing beacons at the crossing at Trillium near the fire station. The Department of Public Works will be plowing the trail in the winter. The trail should be complete in late summer or early fall of 2020.

Administrator Rhoden also stated that Swan Avenue was due to be done in 2020.

The Committee was also informed by Administrator Rhoden that they would be receiving a \$25.00 stipend for every Bike and Pedestrian Committee meeting that they attend.

Old Business:

Future Video for Trillium-Include Construction- Chairman Larson asked that the Town get a video of the Trillium Trail before construction starts. Superintendent Turner stated that they did get a video before the snow arrived.

Morning Glory/Lilac development and street plans- Penny and John Happli of 3204 Martin Avenue appeared before the Committee to discuss putting audible crosswalks at the intersection of Morning Glory and Rib Mountain Drive. Penny Happli stated that 10,000 vehicles go down Rib Mountain Drive every day and she would like to see more pedestrian buttons around the Town for bikers and walkers. John Happli asked if audible crosswalks

can be put in at the same time that a road or intersection is under construction.

The Commission discussed how loud the audible crossings signals are and the cost of putting them in. They also discussed that when Lilac Avenue is reconstructed, if the construction will go as far as Phlox Lane. The speed limit around the area of Lilac Lane was also discussed.

New Business -

Granite Peak Expansion- Andrea Larson began the discussion by explaining that the State of Wisconsin is opening the master plan for Granite Peak and all uses are now being looked at. She stated that now is the time for the Town to decide what we want at Granite Peak. There will be four meetings at which time the Town of Rib Mountain could voice what they would like done. Superintendent Turner will make a copy of the bike map and the Town could indicate where they would like trail connection points to be placed.

Administrator Rhoden said that Jamie Polley from the City/County Parks Department is leading a task force to get all of the local groups aligned that would like to see changes to the master plan. She would like to invite Jamie Polley to the next Bike and Pedestrian Committee meeting.

51/29 Tunnel Mural- Andrea Larson stated that she spoke with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation about painting a mural in the 51/29 tunnel. They said that it would be fine as long as the Town of Rib Mountain files the paperwork with the State.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee discussed how wet it is inside of the tunnel and what kind of paint would work in this kind of environment. Andrea Larson is hoping that the Town could have a painting event or we could find a local artist to paint inside of the tunnel. Superintendent Turner asked how much money and time would be the responsibility of the Towns to take care of the mural.

Report from Members – Chairman Larson spoke about the upcoming races that Ironbull is planning in 2020.

Kurt Deininger stated that the South Side Business Association has money in the budget for bike racks for the Town.

Administrator Rhoden informed the Commission that the Town has hired Jared Wehner as the new Community Development Director. He will begin his job on January 2, 2020.

Items for Town Board – The Commission would like the master plan for Granite Peak and the 51/29 tunnel mural plans taken to the Town Board.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be on January 16, 2020. The focus will be on the master plan for Granite Peak. Gerry Klein and Jamie Polley will be invited to join us for that discussion. Jared Wehner will also be invited so that the Commission can meet him.

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Woldt to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Submitted by
Joanne Ruechel
Town of Rib Mountain Clerk