

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 20, 2020
7:30 A.M.

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Beatty, Mark Clark, and Paul Clarke

Excused: John Brauer, Curt Deininger and Lori Woldt

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

Safety Moment: Chairman Larson reminded us to wash our hands frequently to avoid germs.

Minutes: **Motion by Clark/Beatty to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports:

Park Commission – Andrea Larson reported that she missed the last Park’s Commission meeting so there is no update.

Metro – John Beatty stated MPO met last week but that there’s nothing to mention.

Staff Reports from Scott/Gaylene:

Trillium Trail – Superintendent Turner stated that the job is out for bids. On March 12, 2020, the bids are due back to the Town. The bids will be going to the 2nd Town Board meeting in March. Superintendent Turner hoping for a groundbreaking in mid-April and the trail possibly being completed by July.

Morning Glory/Lilac development and street plans- Superintendent Turner submitted grants for the unnamed road. The Town is looking to widen the north side of the road to add 2 left-turn lanes. There are three new developments going in this spring in that area.

The Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee discussed if the sidewalk can be extended next to Kwik Trip. They also discussed if there is a way to make the crossing near McDonald’s safer. It was also brought up that there have been issues with drivers not obeying the bus stop signs. Superintendent Turner advised First Student bus company to contact the Sheriff’s Department with any issues that they see.

New Business –

Bike Rack-Glass Nickel Pizza- Lori Woldt reached out to Glass Nickel Pizza and they agreed to put a bike rack on the property. The Bike and Pedestrian Committee discussed what type of bike rack they would like to see at Glass Nickel. Superintendent Turner will look into what type of bike rack would work for them and will bring it back to the next meeting.

Approval of Town of Rib Mountain Proposed Bike/Ped Map- Superintendent Turner stated that the map was approved last summer. The map will be put into the Master Plan and shows various connections of trails around Rib Mountain State Park.

Administrator Rhoden stated that this map has been submitted to the State.

Motion by Beatty/Clark to approve the maps. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Community Development Director Wehner presented the Comprehensive Plan that he has been working on. He would like to see the bike plan included in the Comprehensive Plan. Director Wehner showed the future land use map to the Commission. He stated that future development might be affected by this map. The Town would like a route around the base of the Mountain. The Bike and Pedestrian Committee discussed how to obtain enough right-of-way to provide a safe bike route.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee also discussed having another vehicle connection to Rothschild. The plan would be for a connection between Foxglove Road in Rib Mountain and Military Road in Rothschild. This connection is a planning tool and would be used as an emergency connection. Director Wehner asked that any other suggestions regarding the Comprehensive Plan be forwarded on to him.

Old Business-

Rib Mountain State Park Master Plan update- Nothing to discuss.

**Paul Clarke left the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

51/29 Tunnel Mural- Administrator Rhoden stated that the Town Board is in favor of pursuing a mural in the tunnel. Superintendent Turner mentioned that there is a group called "Rise Up" that would draw a stencil and then other people come and paint the picture. "Rise Up" is currently working in Wausau with the Riverfront District. Superintendent Turner will verify if we can drill in the tunnel and what type of material we can use.

Report from Members – No reports.

Items for Town Board – The Commission would like the proposed bike and pedestrian map to come back.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be on March 19, 2020.

Adjourn: Motion by Clark/Beatty to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Submitted by
Joanne Ruechel
Town of Rib Mountain Clerk