

**RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**May 18, 2017**

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, Paula Inger, John Beatty and Mark Clark. John Brauer was excused. Curt Deininger and Dale Wisnewski were absent. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden and Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner were in attendance. Laura a reporter from the Wausau Daily Herald was also present.

**Minutes: Motion by Clark/Inger to approve the March 16, 2017 minutes. Questioned and carried.**

**Reports:**

Park Commission – Chairman Larson stated the Commissioners met last week and the only point of interest was the Dog Park progress. The Town is presently working on final steps of land acquisition and fundraising.

Metro – John Beatty informed the committee about [Bicyclewausau.com](http://Bicyclewausau.com) which is part of the regional bike committee. The group would like to make this site more visible. Sunday May 21, 2017 is the first annual Bike and Walking event to be held in Wausau on Third Street and the River District. Traffic will be closed in these areas from 12 – 4.

Staff Reports – Street/Park Superintendent Turner informed the Committee the Town will be holding a pre-construction meeting today. The project is slated to begin at the end of May and run through the summer months. Additional pedestrian crossings will be added at Cloverland and Starling Lanes. John Beatty asked Scott if a push walk switch could be added at the intersection by McDonald's and Kwik Trip to allow pedestrians to cross. Turner stated he would look into the request. Administrator Rhoden shared an email she received from someone complementing Rib Mountain on its trail system. She also noted she is in the need of additional crossing guards.

Granite Peak Updates – No updates.

Trillium Trail – Street Superintendent Turner stated MSA was awarded the Trillium Trail contract. He reminded members this project is just in its infancy.

**Old Business –**

State Park Access – Chairman Larson presented the map that the members worked on at the previous meeting pinpointing access point to the state park. Members John Brauer, Mark Clark and Andrea Larson toured the possible sites and reported back. Members discussed the points and their attributes and eliminated a couple of sites. They also discussed the type of signage, appropriate language and location points. The committee would like to install signs that read “Public Access” at Begonia, Mountain lane and Chickadee.

Bike Tunnel Graffiti – Gaylene stated she received an email for the DOT nixing the plan.

Addition “Share the Road” Signs – Signs have been ordered. John Beatty and Chairman

Larson will get together and install signs this weekend.

Bike Racks – No updates.

Bike Ordinances – No updates. Street Superintendent Turner will have his summer intern tackle the project. He needs some direction on what the Committee is seeking.

***New Business*** –

May – Bike Month – The Committee would like to promote bike month more in the township and suggested the planning process should begin soon for next year.

Bike Helmet Promotion Feedback – John Beatty stated that twelve helmets had been sold.

***Report from Members*** – Mark Clark stated the bike rodeo has been set for July 27<sup>th</sup> and asked for volunteers.

**Adjourn: Motion by Clark/Brauer to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. Questioned and carried.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date is June 15, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by  
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk