

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 16, 2016

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Beatty, Captain Wisnewski, John Brauer and Mark Clark. Brad Conklin and Curt Dettinger were excused. Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance. Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Motion by Beatty/Brauer to approve the May 19, 2016 the Bike/Pedestrian minutes as corrected to include discussion on bicycle rack request letters. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Park Commission – Chairman Larson briefed the group on the proposed dog park at the corner of Oriole Lane/CTH R. The Park Commission reviewed other potential sites including Liberty Park. It was determined that Liberty Park would be best utilized for other purposes.

Scott Turner informed the group the troubled geese have left the CTH R trail area. It is believed that the geese left due to the nesting failure.

Kiosk signage has been planned for the parks. There would be a cost associated with it.

Metro – John Beatty shared with the Committee the Bicycle event taking place later today. Mr. Stephen Clark from the League of American Bicyclists would be conducting a ride and audit. This is based on the region receiving a bicycle friendly designation. Unfortunately due to time constraints, the ride would not include the Town of Rib Mountain.

Staff Reports – Scott Turner discussed the complaints received for truck parking on Lilac Avenue. It is believed that semis are using the area for parking when stopping at Kwik Trip. After discussion of bicycle safety, the Committee recommended no parking. **Motion by Beatty/Brauer to recommend no parking be placed on Lilac Avenue from Morning Glory Lane to Flax Lane. Questioned and carried.** The request would be forwarded onto the Public Safety Committee. This would require an ordinance approval from Town Board.

Scott Turner informed the group that the pathway from the tunnel is nearly done. The Public Works crew worked on installing a drain tile near the entrance. Water tends to collect here and freeze up. Also, there is a bit of slime that has been created. The tunnel would be Marathon County's jurisdiction.

Scott Turner updated the Committee members on various road projects including Red Bud Road and Parrot Lane.

Gaylene Rhoden informed the Committee that she was contacted by a member of the HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) group through Aspirus. The group would like to focus on pedestrian safety and wanted to know what projects Rib Mountain was working on.

Gaylene also briefed the group on a recent discussion at the Marathon County Technical

Advisory Committee (TAC) on ADA requirements for sidewalk ramps. The requirements will apply to new and maintenance projects.

It was also noted that the upcoming Town Beat will include an article about bicycle safety from Aaron Ruff.

Old Business –

Preparation for Bike Rodeo – July 14 – Mark Clark noted that Bike Rodeo will be done in conjunction with the Summer Recreation program again. Due to schedules it was best to move the event to July. Mark will be working with Rib Mountain Cycle for bicycle checks and Aspirus Hospital for helmets. There is still a need for an educational component for the event. Gaylene would reach out to Marathon County for assistance.

Bike Racks – It was suggested the letter be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee. Gaylene recommend not only sending a letter, but also to personally deliver a letter to the businesses.

Bike Route Signs – No updates.

Kocourek Shelter – Scott Turner is working with the group on placement of the shelter. A permit has not been taken out yet. Gaylene mentioned that she was informed that a grant was applied for by the County for another fix-it-station for Kocourek. Also, the Town's foundation received a check from the Rib Mountain Business Association for \$750 for bicycle facilities that could be utilized for a fix-it-station as well.

Adjourn: Motion by Clark/Wisnewski to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is July 21, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by
Gaylene Rhoden, Administrator