

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 21, 2016

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, Dale Wisnewski, Brad Conklin and Mark Clark. John Beatty and Curt Dettinger were excused. John Brauer was absent. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance. Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

The Committee acknowledged audience member, Greg Guenther.

Motion by Clark/Conklin to approve the June 16, 2016 the Bike/Pedestrian minutes. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Park Commission – Chairman Larson briefed the group on the proposed Domtar Disk Golf Course developments. There is the hope, at a future date to include a nature trail at the site. It was noted the Village of Rothschild will retain the property the course will be on. The Park Commission worked with a group of students from UWSP on educational nature trail signage. The Commission would like to have three signs installed by next spring. They are also seeking donations for the project. The Doepke Family recently donated another memorial bench at Doepke Park. A kiosk will be installed next week at Rookery View Park. Other enhancements the group are seeking at the site, would include a gravel walking trail and kayak launch.

Metro – No updates today.

Staff Reports –

Rib Mountain Drive Phase 2 – Administrator Rhoden noted there was nothing new to report other than the utilities contract was approved yesterday.

Granite Peak - No new appraises.

Old Business –

Bike Route Signs – Street Superintendent Turner reported the signs will be installed sometime this fall. Turner updated on the reconstruction of Parrot Lane, which will begin next week. The street will provide biking lane enhancements, new paving and road markings.

Kocourek Shelter – Rhoden reported that there has not been any communication in the past month. A new fix-it station was approved by the Marathon County Community Foundation for the site. She stated she will try reaching out to Keith's representative regarding the status.

Bike Racks – Committee members reviewed the drafted and revised letter. The Public Safety Committee will be holding a meeting next week for the final approval, at which time they may be distributed. Gaylene suggested in addition to mailing the letters, they should also hand deliver. It was decided to keep the signature line open. No parking signs will be installed on Lilac Avenue behind the Kwik Trip location. In addition, the Town has received complaints about parking by the intersections of Violet and Fern Lanes.

Bike Rodeo — The rodeo was held last week. Members estimated 25/20 attendance for both sessions. It was determined about 15% of the participants had only partook in the event last year. Members were pleased with the opportunity to reach new students and the program was well received. It was noted there was participation by Emily Uhlig from Aspirus' Safe Kids program and Randy Lackman from Rib Mountain Cycles. Their assistance was appreciated. Gaylene Rhoden suggested for next year to have additional bikes available to students. The afternoon session posed the most challenge with students participating after summer school. The other recommendation was to promote the rodeo to the general public through the Town Beat. It was proposed to reach out to the community. Mark Clark also noted he would like to create a written curriculum for future events.

Reports – It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend approval of no parking signage along Violet and Fern Lane intersections. A suggestion was made, since most of the parking issues are related to State Park usage, maybe signage could be made directing overflow parking to IBC. Chairman Larson questioned if the Town had received the \$750 check from the Rib Mountain Business Association and if the funds should be earmarked for a specific project. It was decided to hold the funds in the Rib Mountain Community Foundation account until needed. Mark Clark asked about the status of the Trillium Trail project. Gaylene stated it is at the state level for ranking purposes. Brad Conklin questioned whether the new disc golf course could be patrolled by the sheriff's department. Dale Wisnewski stated once completed he could direct officers through a hot sheet to patrol the area.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is August 18, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk