

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 19, 2015

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, Brad Conklin, John Beatty, Curt Dettinger and Mark Clark. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance. John Brauer and Dale Wisnewski were excused. Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Motion by Clark/Beatty to approve the January 15, 2015 minutes. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS: Administrator Rhoden spoke on Rib Mountain Drive Phase 1.5 status. Special assessment notices have been mailed to property owners affected by the construction project. An informational meeting and public hearing will be held March 4th starting at 5:30. Phase 2 will begin in 2016 with the burial of utilities and construction slated for 2017. Town staff recently meet with developers for a possible project along Rib Mountain Drive on the northern end. The DNR will meet next week to determine in the State Park master plan should be opened for future development. Gaylene informed the committee that Robin Lane west of the school will be re-done for storm water enhancements. Town will review the possibility of future sidewalks

Park Commission Report – Meet last week.

MPO Report – John Beatty stated the Committee is currently tracking membership statuses.

Lions County R Shelter Report – None

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Project Plans Prioritization List: Andrea provided to the Committee a compiled priority list that been drafted earlier. She asked members to review highest priority section. Discussion focused on the items that were listed to determine their status or if they should remain in this section. Some questionable items trail connection to Hillcrest Lane and trail from Mountain Lane to Whippoorwill or Thornapple. The Committee will continue to review items at the next meeting.

Bike Rodeo Enhancements for 2015: Mark Clark stated he had made contact with Becky Paul, the Summer Recreation Program director. She is on board with the idea. Mark stated they could potentially reach 50 students. This is a great avenue for starting up a new format. Discussion was held on how to help staff the summer program. Several members expressed the desire to assist once a date is determined.

Installation of Bike Racks in Rib Mountain: Curt continues work on the idea. He suggested that the committee take an inventory of businesses that currently have bike racks in place and then determine where additional racks would be beneficial to the community. Curt also noted he is working with the Rib Mountain Business Association to encourage new local membership. Another goal of the association is holding a fundraising event with the proceeds going back to the community/organization.

Update Town Ordinances Regarding Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations: Mark Clark distributed the Town's ordinances regarding bike/pedestrian accommodations. He noted a lot of the ordinances are parallel with the State of Wisconsin's. He asked the committee to review before the next meeting. He also noted he added comments boxes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Conklin to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is March 19, 2015 at 8.00 a.m.

Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk