

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 16, 2015

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

Motion by Beatty/Clark to approve the March 19, 2015 minutes. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Rib Mountain Dr Phase 1.5 & 2 - Streets Superintendent Turner addressed an issue that Mark Clark had noted about the location of crosswalks by Kwik Trip versus another site. Scott noted it had to do the actual street footage. The new crosswalks will have hatchings and signs will be erected noting pedestrian crossings. Only bare bones reconstruction will happen at the Morning Glory Ln intersection. The redesign will happen in Phase 2 of Rib Mountain Drive.

The Doepke Trail has officially opened. Scott noted this was an expensive project due to the boardwalk installation. He also stated there are some boardwalk issues with the 51/39 trail. The Public Works crew will try to re-shim some of the sections. Committee members were informed that the Town's Community Development Director has started.

Granite Peak Updates – Administrator Rhoden stated that representatives from the DNR and Granite Peak will be meeting with staff members only this coming Monday. Items the Town would like to address or have issues with include; stormwater management, trails, sewer/water, roads and EMS services.

Park Commission Report – Scott Turner stated the Park Commission received the preliminary grant application of Rookery View for review this week. The application due date is May 1st.

MPO Report – John Beatty stated he spoke to Dave Mack with the MPO about an additional fix-it station availability for the township. He also noted in the Governor's state budget the cutting of paved shouldering.

Lions County R Shelter Report – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Bike Rodeo Enhancements: Mark Clark stated he has been unable to work much with Becky Paul, but noted the tentative date for the bike program is June 18th. Gaylene suggested moving it to June 25th, this would give Becky and her assistants some additional time to inform the program participants the need to bring their bikes. Randy Lackman has been contacted and will gladly participate and provide services. Mark noted Randy indicated he has no additional bikes to provide for the event. Andrea Larson stated she has reached out to CWOC about the possibility of housing donated bikes if the committee were to receive some.

Installation of Bike Racks in Rib Mountain: Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter distributed the inventory of bike rack along Rib Mountain Drive that Town's intern Spencer collected. Andrea suggested that member review the current locations and at the next meeting make recommendations of additional sites.

Update Town Ordinances Regarding Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations: Mark Clark informed the Committee he has had little time since the last meeting to work on this project. John Beatty noted the ordinance states that bikers must use the County R trail for biking. He suggested that both the trail and road should be allowed.

Distribute Shae the Road Signs – Scott provided nine (9) signs. He recommended placing some signs along highway KK. John Beatty mentioned locations at Cty Rd R and Cty Hwy NN, Municipal Center and Thornapple. In addition, two on Hwy N, Lakeshore Drive and Cloverland Ln. Andrea and John will get together this weekend to complete the project.

Future Project Plans Prioritization List: Andrea asked members to e-mail her with comments. Andrea asked Scott Turner if the Committee could assist him/town with any future grant applications. Gaylene and Scott will review what type of funding are available for projects. John Beatty offered to help the summer intern with the development of RFP's for the Trillium Lane trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rib Mountain Bike/Ped Map Update - Andrea Larson provided the members the latest update version from Gerry Klein. She would like to get the PDF from him to continue with updates or goals. It was suggested that maybe two maps should be created for proposed goals and one with the Town's trail system. John Beatty asked if the Town could install signage for Town's bike trails. The Administrator stated the Town was advised by counsel not to proceed with the request.

Adjourn: Motion by Clark/Beatty to adjourn at 9:12 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is May 21, 2015 at 8.00 a.m.

Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk