

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 21, 2016

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Beatty, Curt Dettinger and Brad Conklin. Mark Clark and John Brauer were excused. Dale Wisnewski was absent. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter, Street Superintendent Scott Turner and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Motion by Dettinger/Beatty to approve the March 17, 2016 Bike/Pedestrian minutes. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Trillium Trail Update – Administrator Rhoden informed the Committee that there were six original applications submitted and two were initially tossed out. The Town's application was up against the City of Wausau and The Village of Weston. The Trillium Trail was ranked number one with the MPO. It has been submitted for further ranking and approval with the State of Wisconsin. This is a 80/20 grant with the 20% being funded by the Town. Committee members questioned if the remaining 20% could be funded through another DOT grant or Community Foundation grants. Gaylene state she would review the possibility. Scott Turner also noted that the purposed trail location might need an alternative location due to discussion at the County level about extending Trillium Lane in the future.

Park Commission – Park Chairman Conklin noted Rookery View Park will have a 4' x 8' kiosk installed by an Eagle Scout.

Metro- John Beatty had nothing new to report.

Rib Mountain Drive Phase II – Scott Turner shared the news the Town had received a \$500,000 Highway Safety Improvement grant. The funding is to be used for traffic signal enhancements. He noted the project is somewhat behind schedule due to the coordinating of engineering firms. Bids have been sent out for the finalization of the 51/39 trail connection by Dicks Sporting Goods. Scott is trying to finalize the easements with Dicks, Days Inn and McDonalds.

Granite Peak Updates – Gaylene Rhoden stated staff and granite peak representatives met April 7th. Discussion basically focused on water and sewer extensions. From all indication, the public hearing should begin sometime this summer. She strongly encouraged members to attend.

Old Business –

Bike Route Signs – John Beatty provided a map to Scott with suggested locations for signage. Scott did note that the crew would not be able to work on this project until sometime in later June or July.

Kocourek Shelter - Street/Park Superintendent Turner informed the Committee, staff met with Kocourek representatives who have agreed to install a shelter. The Shelter itself will be built, funded and maintained by Kocourek. The shelter will be a big timer style. Scott received approval from the DOT for construction within the scenic

easement. Next steps are an agreement between Kocourek signed, the Committee ok structure and fix-it station coordinated.

State Park Access – Chairman Larson presented maps showing access points to the State Park from Begonia and Bellflower Streets. She stated she would like to see these trails made more accessible. Scott Turner stated that many of the residents in the area frowned upon the additional parking in their neighborhoods. Scott also reiterated that State Park Manager Bill Bursaw is not a big supporter in promoting these volunteer trails. He also has concerns about the needed maintenance and lack of personnel. Park Superintendent Turner proposed the Bike/Ped members work with the Friends of Rib Mountain group in mapping out the Volunteer Trails and determine what areas should be addressed first.

Discussion of Bike Parking Resolution – Administrator Rhoden apologized for presenting the resolution before the Public Safety Committee before having the Committee review it. She pointed out the Public Safety Committee meets very little. She stated Community Development Director Steve Kunst would like to incorporate this resolution into the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which also needs to be updated. This measure would give the Town a proactive tool for future development.

Bike Racks in Rib Mountain – John Beatty suggested the Committee not worry so much about the actual location of bike racks but site that could use a rack. He also recommends a letter from the Committee to the Rib Mountain Business Association seeking support. Curt Dettinger stated the Association is currently in limbo due to poor attendance. He noted the Association has some funds left, which could potentially be distributed. **Motion by Beatty/Dettinger to draft a letter for the Rib Mountain Business Association to send to members for a request of funding for additional bike racks. Questioned and carried.**

New Business –

Rookery View Crossing – Discussion was held at a recent park Commission meeting about a crossing by Rookery View Park. A suggestion was to have crossing under the McCleary Bridge by the fishing pier, with a trail on the south side of the bridge to park. Chairman Larson said she walked the area and noted how rocky it was under the bridge. It was then asked if a controlled cross walk signal could be installed. Scott Turner said he could put the request in the Capital Improvement plan for review by the Town Board at Rookery Park as well as NN.

Reports from Members – John Beatty asked the status of the share the road temporary signage and if additional signs could be ordered. He would like to get the signs out. Brad Conklin noted this weekend is the scheduled Chidorzi Spring Clean-up. He would like to see the ramp areas addressed.

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Conklin to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is May 19, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk