

Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday – October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Location: Village of Hewitt Administrative Building, 11064 Main St, Hewitt

Agenda

- Call to Order and Attendance
 - Present: Travis Weinke, Becky Wagner, Jason Wagner, Romelle Bymers, Jeff Binder, Ron Bredeman, Jeff Heeg
 - Absent: Mike Draxler
- Guests/ Public Input
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Jeff B. motioned to approve; Jason seconded.
- Financial Reports
 - No updates since August.
 - Spent \$500 moving the millings from the road to the natural trail.
 - Romelle motioned to approve; Jeff Binder seconded.

Old business

- Communication from Town Board or Village Board.
 - Jeff spoke with Marshfield Utilities a few weeks ago regarding the dead tree on the corner of Stadt and they are going to trim it down as it is close to the powerline.
 - Lee Williams would be willing to volunteer and mow around the trails.
 - Conversation took place at the board level to procure the property from Vickie & Mike. There has been a committee put together who will meet in January to discuss.
- Continue research on donation boxes.
 - Dave Schoepke did research on donation boxes and spoke with Paget as they made the donation boxes at the Marshfield Zoo. Paget may be willing to donate boxes. We are thinking of placement on 3rd, 7th & hemlock and Yellowstone Park. There would be some cost for installation. Dave will get back to Travis on the specifics.
- Discuss tasks completed – any time invested recorded.
 - Any trail members are to email Travis their time.
- Brush work needed along the dikes.
 - Mike and crew have completed.
- Loose gate post foundation on 5th Street
 - Will review in the Spring or if we get the donation boxes in time, we could possibly do this all together.
- Mowing
 - Several complaints have been received about the mowing.
- Wood chips
 - No longer will put wood chips down as we put millings on the trail.
- Donation boxes.
- Closure of trails located on private property?
 - On hold until January.
- Business not anticipated in advance

New business

- Work day for the trail
 - Travis has received some concerns of the leaves being on the boardwalk and the repairs needed causing a hazard for people to walk on. Committee has agreed to close the boardwalk due to safety concerns.
 - Travis and Mike will close the boardwalk. The committee will coordinate a workday in the upcoming weeks.
 - Need to advertise for assistance of more volunteers to help.
 - Mike & Travis will post on the website and Facebook.
 - Could possibly put into the annual Village mailing Marlene sends out for volunteers or include a flyer during elections..
- Snow removal of trails
 - Kevin, Jeff, Mike & Ron are going to run the tractor with the snowblower. Travis will confirm with Gordy to see if he would like to continue volunteering.
- Lights and sound system wiring progress
 - Still waiting on last of LED lights to go in.
- Progress on the donation boxes.
 - Travis will keep us posted on Paget.
- Village working forward on working with Mike and Vickie Draxler to procure land the trails is on.
- Feedback on the trail improvements thus far.
 - P-gravel was hard to bike on.
 - Millings have been positive.
- Discuss progress on the tree map for Yellowstone Park
 - Travis and Jeff B. will make the map and either would need to be there when a tree is planted in the future to document.
 - Jeff will contact Ken for assistance in noting who donated the current trees we have in the park..
 - Once mapped, we would like to ask the families if they would like to mark the tree with a plaque.

Parks Maintenance – Old Business

- Any repairs needed to baseball advertising signs
 - Jeff B. looked at them and will call Stratford Signs to see when they would like them brought in.
- Update on lighting issues – if any
 - Waiting on Merkel Electric to bring lights.
- Notice of dump truck parking in lot – address?
 - Truck is gone.

Parks Maintenance – New Business

- Any input from the group
 - Flagpole bed needs to be redone. Concrete is loose and falling, several plants are dead and overgrown and there are bushes along the front of the building that needs to be pruned. We will address this in the Spring.
 - Weed and seed has been done.

Information for the good of the group:

- Jeff B. & Ron recommend putting crushed blacktopping in the dugouts. Could possibly do this in the Spring. Will bring forward to the Rec. department.

Items for future agendas:

- Budgeting for tree plaques at the Yellowstone Park in 2021
 - Jason will send information to Travis.
- Future improvement projects for the Yellowstone Park
 - Flagpole replacement project.
 - Crushed blacktop in the dugout.
- Drone pictures needed
 - Pictures weren't clear enough. It would be ideal to have pictures done during tournaments or the car show.
 - Several drone pictures were taken for the Yellowstone project.

Next Meeting: Spring 2022

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

Submitted by: Travis Wienke, Trails Committee Chairperson