

MEETING MINUTES FRIENDS of the PANHANDLE PATHWAY Inc.

Board of Directors, Officers:

John Bawcum, President
Ron Simshauser, Vice President
Mike O'Connor, Treasurer
Tom Anspach, Secretary

Meeting Date: 8/25/09 Tuesday Eve

Location: Town Municipal Building (PCCDC)

Attendees

Raye Anne Absher (Winamac), Rex Allman (Winamac), Becky Anspach (Star City), Tom Anspach (Winamac), John Bawcum (Winamac); Daniel Garigan (Winamac), Don Kegariese (Winamac), Kathy Kegarise (Winamac), Boni Simshauser (Winamac), Ron Simshauser (Winamac), Larry Spiewak (Monterey), Nancy Spiewak (Monterey).

Called to Order-

- o Meeting called to order at about 6:30PM by John Bawcum President.

Regular Business

Previous minutes-

- o 8/13 noon meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's/Budget report-

- o As of 9/24 there were \$1071.36 FoPP funds at the Community Foundation.
- o Invoice from NMS for web site was paid.
- o Volunteer yearly 'dues donation' were received from L&N Spiewak, J&B Anspach, RA Absher.

Old Business

Action Items from Last Meeting

- o Track down the Cass County Tax Bill due 8/20 (TomA), tax bills found at ITF, and Paid.
- o Develop 'same page 'white paper'' for pathway to depot discussions, no activity (Land Acq Committee)
- o A letter will be sent to Green3 with these dates 8/21 Friday, noon to 2PM. (John B), completed meeting held.
- o Look into having a Grand Opening Phase 1 segment--(assigned to publicity committee)

Operations Committee (Name?) –

[Safety, Maintenance and Management- (includes insurance, coordination of safety patrol and safety plans, and development of a maintenance plan and budget)

- o Legal meeting at Vicki's on 8/19. This only involves those land owners who had allowed RR use by easement and does not involve the status or plans of the Pathway nor does it involve the FoPP.
- o Ron (and Steve) to go down to the Hands and check the foliage growth and determine a spraying plan. (Ron S)
- o Maintenance items will be brought up at the OpCom meeting (John B)

Public Relations Committee & Planning and Fundraising Relations (Vicki Byrd)

[All publicity and promotion activities (may include press releases, web site, trail brochure and map, t-shirt/hat sales, booth at fairs and festivals, etc)].[Obtain funding – private and public for current and future trail projects (application for and administration of grants, coordination with project sponsor/funders, and solicitation of private gifts, memberships] –

- o Web site- is up and running and being updated with photos, documents, links, and calendar events. It was agreed to publish the approved meeting minutes on the website (documents/meeting minutes), and not to publish committee meeting minutes on the web site. A few improvement items have been passed on to NVS.

Land Acquisition Committee – (Name?)

[Acquisition of all property for trail, trailheads, etc. includes review of documents, one-on-one discussions with property owners, preparation of deed, title work, etc. assuring title is properly transferred, etc.]

- o None

Construction Committee – (Ron Simshauser)

[Coordination of construction activities and approval of requests from contractors for payment (this includes working with the segment coordinators as needed to make sure everyone is clear on the scope of construction)]

- o Bridge Post Brackets- SS bridge brackets have been ordered from JSI.
- o Paving has been completed; a bike riding inspection has shown a few small items that will be corrected.
- o Signs have been ordered from John Haley.
- o Panhandle Pathway' will be routed into the top 2x6x 10 barrier board at each crossing

- After some discussion on Crossing barrier post size and setting; 6x6 posts set without concrete was decided. A suggestion was made to consider setting with crushed limestone fill.
- It was noted that some of the plastic cable tie fasteners on the Mill Creek Bridge railing fence are failing and needed to be replaced with chain link wire fasteners.
- Questions have been received regarding the projected completion of the TRB Railing – estimates range from “soon” to possibly 9/26 for the Star City Time Capsule burial celebration.
- After discussion it is OK to move the steel removed from the Mill Creek bridge to RexA's.

New Business

- A suggestion was received from Mary Heal to use Facebook Groups as a method of spreading and receiving information about the trail.
- ⊛ A motion was made, seconded and passed to ask Mary to elaborate and seek PubCom advice. (John B)
- A request was received from a Star City “Transportation through the Century” celebration committee to, temporarily; allow motorized vehicles, horses, etc. to use the trail, during this celebration. Discussion was that this was in direct conflict with the objectives, rules, and visions for the Panhandle Pathway. A motion was made, seconded and passed that this was not feasible.
- ⊛ Pass the above information (not allowing NMV on the trail) on to the Star City Committee (Kathy K)
- 2 new volunteer members submitted volunteer forms and the volunteer donation and were accepted into the organization: #007 Raye Anne Absher, #008 Becky & Jerry Anspach
- ⊛ Mr Gilsinger would like to donate a ‘pathway related facility’ of some sort to the trail. Pass on to the FunCom.
- ⊛ The Star City celebration to bury the Time Capsule, 9/26, requested/suggested that the FoPP have a trail activity. A discussion resulted in a reschedule of the 150th anniversary bike ride (Carl A)

Meeting & Events

- Crane Cruise Bicycle Ride Saturday (3rd Saturday) October 19th. <http://www.crane-cruise.com/index.html>

Documents for Filing

- 7/28/09 meeting sign in Attendance List
- Website development- invoice, description of web site, Admin sign in procedure received from NVS.

Next FoPP Meeting –

- **September Thursday Noon meeting: September 10th at the PCCDC/Municipal Building**
- September Last Tuesday meeting: September 29th at 6:30PM at the PCCDC/Municipal Building

Adjourn-

- Meeting Adjourned about 1:30PM

Submitted by:

Tom Anspach, Secretary

Approved/Comments: as is

Date: 9/10/09

Secretary: *s/Tom Anspach*