

Monthly Town Board Meeting: September 14, 2015

This meeting was properly posted according to Wis Statutes and Open Meeting Law. The building is handicap accessible. It was posted at the Landing, County Y, Schaefer's Wharf, County L, and the Nokomis Town Hall posting boards.

Attendees: Bette Stillman, Supervisor
Brian Schmidt, Supervisor
John Bowman, Chairman
Wendy Smith, Clerk
Judi Asmondy, Treasurer

Call to Order: John Bowman, Chairman, called meeting to order in accordance with the open meeting law at 6:00 p.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Approve Check and Vouchers: 1. M/M Brian 2. M/M Bette All in favor

Approve August Financial: \$1,152,516.59 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

CD is up

Edward Jones 1 yr. 65
2 yr. 1.25

Recommend 2 yr. with Edward Jones ne penalty for early withdraw. 1. M/M Brian for Edward Jones 2. M/M Bette All in favor

Public Comments: None

Accept/Deny Name for proposed multi-use trail: Question on why naming a trail that hasn't been approved yet is on the agenda. Explanation that grant went through with a name that wasn't approved by the board. The people requested that the board approve name at the 2014 Annual meeting. Discussion of possible names: Gary Baier Memorial Trail, Nokomis Trail, Simokon Trail.

Motion was made to postpone to next board meeting.

Motion was made to name the trail the Gary Baier Memorial Trail. No second by any other board member. Motion killed.

1. M/M Brian to name the trail Nokomis Trail, Gary Baier Memorial 2. M/M John All in favor

1. M/M Bette to rescind motion to postpone naming to next board meeting. 2. M/M Brian

Approve minutes 8/17/15: 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Fire Department Update: Getting ready for Fall Ride serving pancakes Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Cemetery/Deeds Update: No sales
One upcoming burial
Several headstones to be placed.

Update on Road Construction and Road Issues:

Getting ready for Fall Ride
Culverts in
Ditch mowing
85% crack sealing done
Working on road ratings

Park Updates: Totem pole is back and will be installed after Fall Ride. Working with parks committee for 2016 budget.

County Issues: Report submitted and available for residents review.

ATV Trails/ATV club: Public scoping is complete.

Why putting on West side? Wide is 100' all the way and on East side can be 60' in some areas.

Has wet land study been done? Wet lands have been marked. Discussion of if trail doesn't fit scope how will that be handled. No definite answer.

Is chairman a member of ATV club? Yes

How can the chairman make appropriate decisions on ATV club if he is a member? Not on the board for the ATV just a member.

Isn't the right of way for utility only? Many are used for ATV trail.

How will liability issues be addressed? State Statute indicates ATV owner is responsible. Then owner of land. The DNR states that the township holds the liability.

Does the Town have legal counsel? Yes

Has counsel been contacted? No

Letter read about where liability falls.

Are there similar multi-use trails in the state? Not exactly surfaces are different

Is trail assessable to wheelchair and handicap assessable? Anticipated will be within the next 20 years.

If land owners aren't in agreement will Highway Commissioner approve? Unknown

If grant is denied? Will look for other source of funding

There is a concern that a special interest group can have that much power on proposed trail in the right of way.

With the trail going full length of L what about reducing speed limit on L and letting them run on the road? County L is too busy.

Several questions on safety with ATV's and bicycles and ATV's and kids.

What will the speed limit be? Could vary nothing over 25.

Where is the process of implementing trail? Biggest hurdle is finance

The town gave \$10,000 to ATV club is there a specific trail to be spent on? No

Grant with the DNR is \$14,000

No money for maintenance? ATV club has money to maintain trail if they would default will become the Town's responsibility. However, maintenance grant would be applied for yearly.

Do you have to be a resident to be in group? No many members are from other states. Concern outside interest group is controlling decision.

Discussion of traffic volume

Would board consider having minimum distance of trail from home? Discussion of landowner's trees and how to loop around.

Discussion of placement of trail and distance from homes. Will try to run under power lines. Where there are preexisting homes will try to protect home.

Is it possible to lay stakes out so people can see where trail is before board makes a decision? Could do some but not all.

Discussion of the four stages and that board doesn't need to approve all at once. Can approve one at a time.

Have all effected people in all 4 stages been notified? No

Trail ends at Bearskin and there will be an attempt to get to snowmobile trail on existing bridge that gets to Woods Rd then to Swamp Lake.

Preparing storm water permit.

The board will have to make decision so that the County can review.

Operator License: 1. M/M Brian 2. M/M Bette

Exploratory committee for Public Safety Building: On hold next meeting is October 7 at 6:00 pm.

County L Speed Limit: Chairman has heard township can reduce speed limit by 10 miles an hour without speed study. Supervisor would like in writing. Carryover

Future Agenda Items and Dates:

All carryover items

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn Meeting: 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

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