

**Environmental Corridor and Open Space
Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Village Board Room**

Attendees: Chip Schneeberger, Dave VanThiel, Jim Muenzenberger, Mike Myers, Linda Hallquist, Dave Felkner, Ryan Bailey

1. Minutes from the prior meeting were approved.
2. Discussed assigning a secretary and creating minutes. It was suggested the minutes rotate with each committee member taking a turn. There was no agreement. Linda volunteered to take minutes for the July meeting, Dave VanThiel will take minutes for the August meeting.
3. Discussed grading the paths in Penbrook. The DPW felt it was a possibility in the next few weeks and committed to complete the South path by August 7.
4. Discussed the village's assistance with the wood chips after grading is complete. DPW is able to dump chips in a large pile but won't be able to take the truck onto the path as it is too rough. A suggestion was made to rent a bobcat, which runs about \$1,500 a week. Chip will get an estimate and the committee felt October may be a good time to complete this.
5. Discussed path maintenance – there are chemical sprays that are safe; however, village staff felt this would create a significant number of complaints. There are brush cutters used by the Ice Age Trail, that we could potentially borrow. Manpower for maintenance is a concern. We can possibly reach out to the Hartridge Homeowners or create a maintenance group, "Friends of Penbrook."
6. Ice Age Trail is willing to make the outer look of the trail a White Trail.
7. Signs for QPC codes and private property have not been ordered.
8. The Parks and Recreation Director knows how to add QPC codes with locations to the map of our paths in the village. We will want to look into this further.
9. Discussed adopting a section of the bark river, with no decision made.