

Environmental Corridor and Open Space Committee Minutes

Thursday 8/19/21

The meeting was called to order by Jim Muenzenberger

Attendees: Jim Muenzenberger , Dave Felkner, Chip Schneebecker, Mike Meyers, and Linda Hallquist.

1. The minutes of the 7/15/21 were approved.
2. Mike Meyers was assigned recording secretary for the meeting.
3. Discussion:

Penbrook path.

1. Because of the job responsibilities and the recent storm damage the DPW was not available to work on the new path. Because of the DPW work busy schedule a work schedule will have to be set this up at the beginning of the week. Chips will contact Dave and he will let us know when they are available. The DPW priorities are the Village first.
2. The plan will be for the DPW to dump to a large pile of wood chips at the entrance of the trail & we would get it moved around the trail. And hopefully get some volunteers to help. Chips said he can rent a Bobcat for \$1,800 to do the job and his would come from our \$3,400 remaining Budget.
3. Because of the Optic Fiber lines in the hill side no digging or posting of for residential "Private Property" or trail signs until the lines are marked.
4. Jim indicated he would spray the weed & stump killer and asked to use a DPW backpack sprayer. The DPW does not have one available. The DPW can purchase the approved necessary chemical that are not harmful. The cost of the spray would come from the ECCA's budget.
5. The Ice Age Trail group has not responded to our requests for "White" sign marking for our paths. The White sign is for the secondary trail off the Ice Age Trail. Once we find out how they want them the White signs marking will proceed. We will wait until we get the Fiber Ops lines marked before we will install any signage.

6. Jim told us that the Ice Age Trail group has a number of events they run each year. These events are publicized and it would be beneficial for us to see if we could tie in an event with our community. It was suggested that we look at their plans & try to coordinate an event for our trails, parks & Bark River with them. Possible fund raiser.
4. 2022 Proposed Budget Request (\$8,000)
 - Penbook Park \$3,000
 - Bark River – West River \$2,000
 - Hartbrook West – Path \$2,000
 - Ice Age Trail - Maintenance \$1,000