

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

Hearing Room 3, Town Hall, Marshfield

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mike Bilas

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Bilas, Chris Calos, Linda Cincotti, Vicki McPherson, Roger Whidden

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6th meeting were unanimously approved.

REPORT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mike Bilas informed the committee that he will be meeting with the head of the Recreation Department to talk about the possibility of having the Recreation Department host the RTC website. Also, Mike again stressed the importance of RTC committee members attending the CPC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th, where two firms will be presenting their proposals for the Comprehensive Trails Plan. Mike also congratulated Roger Whidden on writing an excellent article for the Marshfield Mariner.

Roger Whidden informed the committee that he recently walked a path located in Plymouth which ran from Plymouth Center to Cordage Park. Roger was impressed with this trail, stating that the path was able to keep its natural setting while abutting several areas that had commerce. Roger and Vicki McPherson walked the Webster Wilderness Memorial Trail with a group of people. They found the trail to be quite interesting. The next trail walk is Nelson's Trail on June 17th from 3pm to 5pm. Additionally, Roger and Vicki are interested in pursuing the idea of connecting the Pilgrim Trail with other existing trails in the area. However, the mapping of the original Pilgrim Trail is not complete and what is mapped may not be accurate. The possibility of working with the Historical Commission in working on the Pilgrim Trail project was discussed.

Chris Calos updated the committee on the RTC website. Chris would like to see the current town GIS system used as an overlay on the town map in the RTC website. This would enable the public to locate existing trails in Marshfield. Chris also would like to set up a program whereby the website would have various links to other town departments, committees and boards as well as an area used for updates on trails and public input on recreational trails in Marshfield.

NEXT STEPS: The committee decided to schedule a **special RTC committee meeting** within the CPC meeting on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00pm.

The next monthly meeting for this Committee is June 24 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Bilas moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. It was seconded and was unanimously voted to adjourn. **HANDOUTS:** Minutes of May 6, Agenda for present meeting

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Cincotti, Clerk