

Active Living Committee
May 8th, 2019 9 AM

Members Present: Deb Jacobs, Julie Ernst, Lori Gefre, Joel Hoistad, Steve Nepl, Shawn Roberts, Renae Smith, Patrick Hollister, Reed Johnson, Corinna Erickson, Scott Schwandt, and Carrie McDermott (Daily News)

Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Approval of Minutes: Deb offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10th, 2019, meeting. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Nothing new at this time.

a. Kinship Amazing Race May 31st- Disc Golf Challenge

~ Reed, Lori and Ann have volunteered to oversee the "challenge". There is a need for one or two more volunteers. Let Lori know if you are able to help out.

~ "Challenge": We will paint a circular line around a basket (Hole 6, depending on weather/water). Lanes will be painted for teams to line up and take chances; all team members must participate and take equal turns at "making a basket". Once the team members have made three baskets, they will then have to do 20 jumping jacks to "complete the challenge" and receive their next clue.

~ Set up will take place in the morning. Volunteers should be at challenge location by 5:30 pm (bring a lawn chair and beverage).

b. Pedestrian Trail Project Update

~Update on lighting: All information was submitted to the state for a permit. Once approved, the poles will be ordered. The poles have a 10 week lead time. Installation is tentatively planned for late summer/early fall (August/September).

~Update on benches: The benches are assembled and will be installed this summer.

~Update on financials: The City has received the final pay request, and the project has come in about \$50,000 over budget; total project was about \$835,000. The overage was due to ADA compliance issues and fill for the new Breckenridge Water Plant driveway. Renae is hoping to receive a credit from the Water Plant contractor to defer some of the overage.

Other Business

~ Joel mentioned that Neil was wondering if the committee would be interested in having a 9-hole golf tournament (no carts, walking only). This would be an opportunity for the committee to raise funds, which could be used towards the Pedestrian Trail overage or other items. Committee members should think about this and bring ideas to next meeting.

~Joel showed a layout with the east side of the tennis courts on Beede Ave made into five pickle ball courts; Neil is getting quotes for this.

~ Patrick gave the committee an update on what PartnerSHIP 4 Health is currently working on. Patrick invited the committee to Lions Park in Battle Lake on May 22 for an award ceremony for officially being named a Bronze level for "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclist.

~ The Minnesota Department of Health is accepting applications from communities interested in hosting a Walkable Community Workshop this fall. This would be an opportunity for community members, city and county officials to look into the walking conditions in Breckenridge. Deadline to submit an application is June 3rd. There is a similar bicycle workshop as well. Committee would like to put this on hold until next year due to the short timeline and not enough information.

~ Renae informed the committee that the clay track that was proposed from Wilkin County Fair Board for the annual tractor pull during the Wilkin County Fair can no longer go into Welles Memorial Park. Clay is not allowed to be added in a flood plain.

~ Deb informed the committee there is a Public Hearing (and first reading) scheduled for June 11th at 8 am in the commissioner's room in the Wilkin County Court House regarding the T21 Ordinance. If this ordinance passed, this would make it illegal to sell vapors and juice (tobacco) to anyone under the age of 21 in Wilkin County.

~ Shawn asked for clarification on the City's sidewalk ordinance, due to new homes going up in the city. Joel stated that if the property is plotted to have a sidewalk, it would have been installed at the time of development. If there is a current sidewalk on the property, the homeowner is responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

~ OSPTI 5k Walk/Run is Wednesday, May 15th. Registration is at 5:00 and race starts at 6:00.

~ OSPTI annual walk/bike to school day was today. There was a great turn out, considering the rainy and cold weather.

~ Shawn updated the committee on the BREC public meeting that was held on April 29th. There was good attendance. The next scheduled open meeting is Sunday, May 19th at 7pm at Bremer Bank. Active Living Committee should continue to brainstorm on what we would like to see incorporated into the facility.

~ Committee discussed meeting over the summer months. This will be determined at the next meeting.

Motion by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Reed and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, at 9:00 AM at City Hall.