

T77T Minutes

April 9, 2013
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, Susan Amacher, Ron Faust
Attending from SEH: Matt Reid and Greg Kimman

The minutes of January 14 were approved.

Cass County Board Action: On January 28th Lake Shore City Council approved this committee's recommendation to go forward with separate \$150,000 applications to both the Federal and State trail granting agencies. The City Council also supported the County's plan to proceed with reconstruction of CSAH77 through Lake Shore. At its subsequent meeting Cass County supported this recommendation. Currently reconstruction planning will start soon but actual work is scheduled for 2017. This will consist of drainage improvements, curbing, gutter work and widening of the shoulder to a width yet to be determined.

Grant Applications: The announcements on the two grants that have been submitted are not expected until June or later. Planning and engineering work could start immediately if the grant is awarded with construction possible in 2014.

Ryan Amacher then again expressed confidence that money could come from private foundations. He said this would work through connections with Lake Shore residents, if they can be identified. The need to develop a tax exempt 5013C entity was discussed. All of this will be more feasible after the first grant has been secured. An article on the multimillion dollar High Line Trail in New York City was circulated. This extremely popular linear park has been built in phases on elevated railroad lines which at one time connected the second floors of multiple warehouses in Manhattan.

Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. The next T77T meeting will probably take place during the second week of June; Dave Enblom (County Engineer) and Neal Gaalswyk (County Commissioner) will be invited.