

# T77T Minutes

August 5, 2013  
10:00 am  
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, Kris Driessen and Ron Faust, Perry Beaton

Attending from SEH: Matt Reid and and Greg Kimman. Heidi Peper was contacted through teleconference.

Minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved.

## **Trail Funding:**

- Our first three grant submissions have been turned down. Matt said this is not uncommon. Heidi said she has had difficulty contacting representatives on the reviewing bodies but is still trying. Teri asked if we could review some of the successful grants, since they should be public information now.
- Another round for Legacy grant funding is coming up this fall and state and federal grant opportunities are also coming up. Ron suggested we should be careful to not resubmit slight revisions of last year's grants for the new cycle, as that would give reviewers an easy reason to reject. The Committee would like more input and time for draft review and revision before future grants are submitted.
- Ron also brought up the concern that at least one reviewer had mentioned that we were trying to create a "trail to nowhere" since Nisswa and Fairview Township were behind us in their trail planning. Although Matt said this might lead to only half as much funding for Lake Shore, others thought that at least preliminary plans from Nisswa would strengthen T77T Lake Shore grant requests. Steve suggested the T77T might develop over time into a team planning the entire trail from the Paul Bunyan to East Gull Lake. The completion of the tunnel under 371 could be considered an expensive first step; Nisswa sections might be Phase 4.
- John Poston suggested that the map should be enhanced by showing more amenities in Lake Shore, such as restaurants, lodging facilities, the fishing pier, etc.
- So far the funding subcommittee has been inactive. It was thought that acquisition of some private funding would strengthen the grant application.

## **CSAH 77 Improvements:**

- A request for proposals was put out in August and planning is expected over fall and winter. Improvements will include all of Lake Shore. Steve noted that water was on the highway in six different locations during spring rains this year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49

