

# T77T Minutes

July 16, 2014  
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, Kris Driessen, Ron Faust, Perry Beaton. There was one person in the audience.

Minutes of the September 27, 2013 meeting were approved after the call to order at 10:42.

## **Update on Trail:**

- Teri Hastings updated the committee. The trail was awarded a grant for \$327,840 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation-Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant to be available April 2017. \$82,000 has been approved from Cass County. The City of Lake Shore has put away \$60,800 for the trail already. Planning estimates are still evolving, but the shortfall estimate is now close to \$100,000 for the lower section of the trail south of Sherwood Forest.
- The county has received a grant for the road reconstruction for 2017 as well and a widened shoulder will be created for the center section of the trail north of Sherwood. Because of the nature and difficulty of this road project, multiple groups from the City, County, State, and utility companies are working together with Ron Bray, the engineer from WSB, to plan the overall construction.
- Definite efficiencies and cost savings will be achieved by planning and constructing this section of the trail together with the road project.

## **Trail Funding:**

- Teri Hastings also reviewed the schedule for another series of grants coming up in the future, starting with the Legacy Grant this fall. Since SEH is no longer in our employ, these grants will have to be developed within City and the T77T Committee.
- Since the trail's funding has been started, private funding will also be sought. John Poston will contact the Brainerd Foundation for help in developing this and seeking 5013c status, much as the Nisswa Lake Park group has done.
- Since partial funding for Lake Shore has been obtained, it was thought we should concentrate on this section first, instead of trying to fund the entire trail from Nisswa through Fairview Township together.
- Steve Sundstrom said again that he believes the northern third of Lake Shore's trail is most important due to the risk of people coming out of the restaurants and walking along the highway in dark clothes late at night. This will be the third section completed.
- John Poston also brought up the desire for State help in building a trailhead on county land at the southern end of the trail.
- Exploration of the possibility of development of a loop trail into Pillsbury State Park was also mentioned.
- It was requested that T77T meeting notices be listed on the City of Lake Shore web site, as well as that of the County.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:25.

