

T77T Minutes

February 8, 2012
Lake Shore City Hall

Committee Members Attending: Teri Hastings, Steve Sundstrom, John Poston, Don Hoger, John Ingleman, Mayor John Terwilliger

T77T Consultants:

Matt Reid-SEH, Heidi Pepper-SEH

Next Meeting: Some members and SEH will meet with Dave Enblom & Neal Gaalswyk at the Cass County Land Department in Backus. Meeting will take place possibly during the week of March 12th. The exact date & time TBD. Next full committee mtg will take place in mid-late March. Date & time TBD.

Agenda & Action Items for Next Meeting:

Discuss Meeting with SEH, Dave Enblom & Neal Gaalswyk at Backus Land Dept. SEH will be attending and will discuss and start preparing for Public Mtgs

Minutes from February 8, 2012 10am Mtg

SEH was present with committee members to discuss steps on proceeding with the trail and grant funding that is available.

John P. inquired about the 80 acres on the south end that is county owned and whether the county would donate as a trail head & parking area. Matt R. will contact Josh Stevenson regarding this possibility.

Discussed the website & newsletter. Website will be linked from the main City of Lake Shore website. Public meeting information will be added to newsletter and website. SEH will be announced as the trail consultant. Discussed our T77T Logo, Tagline, and postcard. Everything looked great.

Website will contain contact information for Matt R, SEH, Minutes, Agendas, Timelines, Etc.

Spring newsletter from the City will go out in early May and first public meeting will be in late May.

Public Hearing

We talked about a possible tentative public hearing date of May 31st at 6:30. We talked about expressing the desire to work with citizens ironing out all the details.

Need to have positive vocal people present along with all committee members.

John P discussed options on how to emphasizing the character of the trail, such as benches, etc.

We discussed who to invite to the public meetings, examples- County, DNR Trails. Dave E, Josh, Wade Mueller, local realtor, etc.

Grants & Funding, Heidi Pepper SEH

Legacy Funding deadline is September 28th. Money would need to be spent by June 20, 2013. Up to \$500,000 with a 75/25 match.

Fund 73 dollars could be used as matching dollars for the 25% Legacy Grant match.

SAFETEA-LU Grant Fund is the furthest out; Application is due December or January. This grant could cover up to 80 percent of all construction costs.

Discussed the possibility of having Cass County advance funds from County State Aid money to be used until SAFETEA-LU grant is obtained and funds would be reimbursed to the county. SEH and some members of the trail committee will meet with Dave Enblom and Neal Gaalswyk the week of March 12th to discuss this possible option. Discussed the meeting place to be at the Backus Land Dept. The exact date, time and place TBD.

Cass County would need to sponsor the SAFETEA-LU Program.

DNR Grant up to \$100,000. Deadline is March 31st and the grant is a 50/50 match.

Next meeting date sometime in mid to late March. TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:30