



Vision

Enrich the community and promote a healthy lifestyle by facilitating the creation of a network of public trails and greenways.

Mission

- To promote the importance of greenways and trails to the quality of life within the community.
- To plan for and facilitate the development, implementation and improvement of a greenway and trails network within Shawano County and adjacent areas for recreation and alternative transportation.
- To sponsor and provide various opportunities for healthy outdoor activities for all ages.

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Angie's Main Cafe 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Board Meeting:

Facilitator	Nancy Brown-Koeller, President
Note Taker	Dana Mueller, Secretary
Members & others Present	Brian Krause, Dave Koeller, Dave Schmidt, Brad Holz, Matty Mathison, Greg Sturm, Maxine Williams, Cathy Pescinski, Mike Kroenke, Cheryl Adams, Judy Breitenbach, Justyn Poucos
Members Absent	Pat Carroll, Wendy Nead , Ron Graf, Patty Pape, Angela Divjak

- Meeting called to order @ 6:40 PM
- Moment of Silence to honor Pat Crawford and Mike Schuler observed. Discussion took place regarding placing a memorial along Wescott route.
- Introduction - Jeff Kammerer - paddle sports business. Jeff is working with the parks department to determine an appropriate location for his tubing/canoeing/kayaking operation. He will not be selling alcohol. This venture may be placed near the bike path, and he has volunteered to place appropriate signage to keep those utilizing the trail safe. He has arranged for the Parks Commission meeting to be moved up, and will alert SP so that the organization may have representatives present that will voice support. Any questions, contact Jeff at 715-524-TUBE (524-8823).
- Review of August 14, 2018 meeting minutes. The following amendments were requested by Nancy Brown-Koeller:
 - Amend “Shawano County does not have means to sell trail passes” to: Although Shawano County has the means to sell trail passes (available at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Park and Rec, and through Shawano Pathways website), it does not have the population to support the financial burden of trail maintenance.
 - Motion made to approve with amendment - Brian K and Second – Maxine W. Motion carried and minutes approved.
- Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Brian Krause with reminder to utilize Amazon Smile to donate a portion of the total purchase price to Shawano Pathways. Motion made to approve - Matty M and Second - Mike K. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Executive Board Secretary Vacancy - Nancy Brown-Koeller nominated Dana Mueller to fill vacant position. Motion to accept nomination - Matty M and Second Brian K. Motion carried
2. Bike Racks - 2 bike racks have been ordered for installation at Co-Op Park and Hope Church: a 7 loop in grade rack for Co-Op Park and a 3 loop surface mount for Hope Church. These were purchased for a sum of \$900, and were ordered with a 10% discount. These racks will be delivered to the Parks and Rec department. Greg Sturm is coordinating delivery of the rack for Hope Church.
3. Intern Update - Nancy Brown-Koeller and Ron Graf met with the ECWRPC GIS coordinator to discuss maps for the booklet. The maps are currently in various formats. It is possible to submit a request for technical assistance or have the county ask for a contract through East Central in order to compile the maps in a single format. Ron is back in school and may be able to work with his professor on this project.
4. Assembly Candidate: Nancy Brown - Koeller emailed another invitation to Gary Tauchen. At the time of the meeting, she did not receive a response to this second invitation.
5. Barn Dance Update -
 - a. The Thrivent Action grant was used to purchase banners, tablecloths and paper plates. Culver's is donating funds for bandannas
 - b. A meeting was held with Coldwell Banker to complete a sign up for serving at the dance. Due to a complaint being filed with the State Dept of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Division, an investigation was conducted and everything has been cleared. A licensed bartender is required to be at the event supervising, and all alcohol needs to be purchased from a wholesaler.
 - c. With 400+ interested parties responding on FACEBOOK, this event has potential to sell out. Advance tickets are available and encouraged to be purchased. Additionally, security will be on site for duration of event.
6. Long Range Planning Notes and Check In was tabled until next meeting.
7. BTBQ Update- There is a need for 6 more volunteers to cover specific responsibilities. Matty presented new signage for the walk/run and food stations, which were sponsored by area businesses. This is potentially the last year for the mini quilts. The brackets used to display the mini quilts are kept in storage for the majority of the year but have various potential uses beyond displaying the mini quilts - a few ideas presented were to utilize as signage for a kids fitness trail at Co-Op Park or as additional signage along the Mountain Bay Trail. It was decided that it would be wise to retain the brackets after this event is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt a Trail -Brad spoke with the DNR regarding this program. After investigation and discussion, it was decided that this program would not be one that SP needs to participate in, as it is already handling many of the responsibilities that is designated for any group that would adopt a trail. Additionally, there are too many miles to cover within the county for one group to fulfill the requirements of adopting the trail. A new group similar to the Friends of the Mountain Bay Trail (of Marathon County) would be beneficial. It may be useful to invite this group to a SP meeting to learn how the group began and grew.
2. Mountain Bay Article & Event - This was discussed during the request to amend minutes. Matty shared the article that was published in Silent Sports which portrayed the Shawano County portion of the Mountain Bay trail in a very poor light. The funding for maintenance of the trail needs to be investigated, as there have been conflicting reports as to where the money comes from. Brad was informed by the DNR that funding is not based on trail pass sales, as the group was previously informed. Nancy is going to contact the state trails coordinator to investigate further. Additional resources for maintenance were discussed, including borrowing the machinery necessary from Grant Bystol.
3. County Comp Bike/Ped Plan - Nancy Brown-Koeller emailed Kari Hopfensperger regarding the conditions of the Mountain Bay Trail and the bridge. A meeting was held in September with Matty, Greg and Dave Koeller attending. A follow up meeting is being held in October. The bridge may make a good service project for the Rotarians, as in addition to matching funds they can provide manpower for updates/renovations. Snowmobile organizations receive funding from the state, with unused funds being returned to the state. Keith Marquardt and Pat Trinko have both expressed interest and

- capability of speaking with the snowmobile club regarding utilizing funds for bridge repair. Community collaboration is key to the successful maintenance of the bridge/trail. Keith is going to meet with other parks departments to gather information on how other areas maintain bridges. The Chamber is aware of the issues that go along with the bridge and trail being in disrepair.
4. Walk with Walker - On August 22, Tonette Walker visited Shawano during her tour of the state, which included 68 different cities and was intended to advocate healthy activities and promote trails. She was impressed with the trail system and park to park loops.
 5. Annual Social Prep
 - a. Patty Pape and Brad Holz will be joint coordinators
 - b. A save the date will be sent via post and email
 - c. A location needs to be identified and reserved. The Woodland was suggested.
 6. Safe Routes to School - Cathy has a meeting with East Central. She is in the process of contacting schools with a focus on K-8 institutions. There will be various events, including Bike to School on October 8th.
 7. Committee & Task Force Report
 - a. The Annual Scarecrow Contest is October 5-7, Maxine volunteered to create one.
 - b. Cathy asked for those present to complete a needs assessment that the Shawano Library is conducting. It goes through September 21 and is available on the Shawano County Library Site: www.shawanolibrary.org
 - c. Greg and Dave will ride the park to park loops to identify signs that need replacing. Greg will submit this list to Matt Hendricks.
 - d. Dave painted and restickered signs along the routes. A bike crossing sign is needed for the crossing at Airport Road.
 - e. Mike is involved with the planting of trees at Franklin Park and informed the group that BID will sponsor Christmas lights for the park.
 - f. Brad reported the following sales through the website:
 - 4 tickets for the barn dance
 - 65 registrations for BTBQ
 - 33 registrations for 5k
 - g. Brian is working on coordinating a fat tire ride and is emailing the Lions to be included in a meeting later in September.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Brian K, 2nd Matty M. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:44 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:30 PM - Angie's Main St Cafe, Shawano, WI

Dana Mueller,, Secretary