



**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.

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order - 6:34 pm**

Facilitator	Nancy Brown-Koeller, President
Note Taker	Dana Mueller, Secretary
Members & others Present	Greg Sturm, Matty Mathison, Dave Koeller, Brad Holz, Brian Krause, Matt Hendricks, Heather Zimba, Eddie Sheppard, Jeff Easter
Members Absent	Mary Lisa Carenza Keenan, Maxine Williams, Caty Pescinzski, John Koeller

- Welcome
- Approval of June 11, 2019 meeting minutes - motion to accept as written - Brian K, second Matt H, motion carried, minutes approved
- Treasurer’s Report – Brian Krause - motion to accept Treasurer’s Report - Brad H, second Nancy BK, motion carried, report approved
- Motion to move new business item 1 up in agenda - Nancy Brown Koeller, second Heather Z, motion carried
  - Rec Center Q & A - Matt Hendricks, Eddie Sheppard, Jeff Easter - The school district recognized a need for improved space for teams to utilize. The city recognized the need for improved community athletic facilities. A team has visited fitness and aquatic facilities of neighboring communities and worked with a designer to come up with a conceptual design for a new Community Rec Center. The center includes an indoor field, a walking path, a multi layer/multi use gymnasium, community pool area (warm water pool), family style locker rooms (common area with private area for changing/showering), fitness/cardio room, multi purpose space, racquetball court, and Mielke Discovery Center. Although it is connected to the school it will not have the limitations of a facility that is located within a school. Projected cost is \$24 - \$28 million. 20 year loan - impact to taxes would be appx \$57/\$100,000. School district in position to borrow, city is in a position to staff facility. Current rec center is supported by city residents only, future center would be supported by district residents through Fund 80, which is managed by school districts and meant for adult education and recreation. Rec fees would be based on district resident vs non district resident rather than city vs non city resident. Open houses and q&a meetings will continue throughout the summer, the school district will send out surveys, the data of which will be presented to the school board and city. If the surveys come back in favor of the center, a referendum will be conducted in April, if that passes, designs would be finalized and

construction would start fall of 2020 with doors opening late 2021. The existing center would operate until the new center is open and then cease to be open as it is; it could be reused or demolished and the lot be redeveloped. Matty attended 4 site visits - saw community members and high school members utilizing same space and did not see any issues. RE: current gyms - Total Fitness has to take current hydrotherapy clients to Clintonville. There is no plan to majorly update/upgrade the current rec center, without this partnership there is not an opportunity for the city to accomplish a similar project. Management and scheduling would be through city staff - if football players want to work out, they will have to work through staff rather than having it shut down for certain groups to use. Agreement that was approved between district and city was for the facility to be open to the community for all open operating hours, which is in a contract.

➤ Old Business

1. Thursdayz at Franklin Beverage Stand - Nancy Brown Koeller - 1 completed, 2nd one coming up. Struggle to get volunteers, still opportunity to sign up for future events.
2. BTBQ update- Matty Mathison - Matty has flyers to pass out. All 15 food sponsor signs are in - 10 port a potties with 7 sponsors. Postcards will be sent next week. August 16th meeting w/first aid course presentation by Heather Zimba
3. Barn Dance - Nancy Brown Koeller - On schedule, Matty's crew has helped with posters, extras available to take. Tickets on sale July 10th. The Spudmobile will be there (it's a big deal) A large bus outfitted with show about WI potato industry - attends city fairs, breakfast on the farms. Nancy has been trying for 4 years to get on Spudmobile's schedule!
4. Paddle & Pedal Recap- Nancy Brown Koeller - Minor glitches but overall great event, a lot of walk ins - 35 paddlers, down from 2 years ago. Turned in \$450. 50/50 raffle winner used money to buy membership.
5. Photography contest - Nancy Brown Koeller - tabled till August
6. Items for group use - Nancy Brown Koeller - Laminator available, will be kept at Angie's. Items purchased for listening sessions are available for group use - need inventory of items.
7. HWY 47 bike lane - Matty Mathison - tabled till August
8. Long Range Planning meeting - Matty Mathison - tabled till August
9. Safe Routes to Parks- Nancy Brown Koeller - 2 reports submitted
  - a. Planning Report - deferred till July 15, can finish with items from meeting prior to board meeting
  - b. Implementation Report - due August 15 - how did we implement items?
  - c. Sustain Report - due September 15 - how can we sustain efforts? Continue to mine community input
  - d. Final Report - due September 30 (polishing previous reports)
  - e. Disbursement -

➤ New Business

1. Rec Center Q & A- Matt Hendricks - moved to beginning of meeting
2. Yellow Trail Maintenance - John Koeller - John weedeats/mows/Round ups as needed, no other maintenance. SP donated \$5000 to Keith's budget for maintenance - ask if we can hire county directly to maintain, ask Keith if he would speak to county and use SP \$ to pay them
3. Meeting w/DNR RE MBT - Matty Mathison - Notes from yesterday's meeting (July 8) - spoke about percentage of trail pass fees being given to counties that do not have a large percentage of trail. Need to find agreement between county and DNR. Need to identify businesses on MBT and approach people throughout county to create Friends of MBT - could collaborate with Marathon Cty group, Keith will identify all places to purchase trail passes. Shawano Cty made \$900 on trail passes, Brown Cty made \$90,000. Snowmobile clubs are paid by number of miles w/in the county so there is precedence for payment based on mileage. Could develop groups in smaller towns to adopt small sections of the trail (3-5 miles)
4. Sturgeon Park Bridge - Matty Mathison, Nancy Brown Koeller - work is being done, looking for help from community to get it done. Per Keith, any wood that is unusable will not be placed on the bridge but returned to Torborgs. Rotary club was notified of need for volunteers. Should have a sign that

states bridge is a collaboration between Rotary, Shawano Pathways and County Park. B & J would make a custom sign. Dave will work on that.

5. Committee & Task Force Report - Matty would like to donate barn quilt stakes to Navarino Nature Center - Nancy will keep a couple for signage at different events. New barn quilt will be installed in August. Need to move to a larger storage unit. Brian to research. **Post meeting addendum: Tom Thomas will build new shelving in larger unit, an email was sent by Nancy Brown Koeller to obtain approval from the board on an expenditure of \$124 for materials. All board members approved through email**

Motion to adjourn - Matty M, second Matt H, motion carried

**Next meeting Tuesday, August 13; 6:30 PM - MEET AT ANGIE'S MAIN ST CAFÉ, SHAWANO**

❖ **Safe Routes to Parks Additional Action Planning**

Took top issues from community input. Grant asked us to revisit topics brought up during listening sessions to identify problems with quick solutions and who/which group would own the resolution.

➤ Listening session 1:

- Trail by Community Gardens - "Caution" is painted on trail but paint is worn out, and with new tubing business, people are sometimes stopped on trail with tubes. Idea to stripe where trail crosses road and paint "Keep Clear". Matt said that there is a plan to clear the overgrowth/underbrush around that area to increase visibility. Matt will talk to DPW about painting as Parks & Rec does not have street painting apparatus. Would be beneficial to remind Jeff K that tubers need to keep that trail clear. Long term safe fix is to create corridor with visibility, but could add "Stop Ahead" and "Stop" signs prior to/at the crossing.
- Disconnected sidewalks - can present priorities to DPW to plan budget for each year. Shawano Pathways can support by sending letters in favor of sidewalks and attending meetings when sidewalks are on the agenda to voice support. A photo log of all disconnections would be useful. Franklin St is close to having sidewalks along the entire street, Washington St between Oshkosh and Wescott does not have a sidewalk. Also recommend a sidewalk out to the new location of the job center. These will be brought forward as our top priorities. Matt will work on compilation for presentation to DPW/field committee.
- Feeling unsafe biking on K -opportunities for educating drivers and bikers. Take out a half page in paper and draft articles to address questions from listening sessions, safety concerns, and rules of the road. Matty will contact paper to determine cost to Shawano Pathways. Nancy will talk to Lt. Mike about opportunity for an education day where drivers are targeted to raise awareness around laws of sharing the road with bikes. Could use quiz format for education at large events. Another option for a route into town is adding a shoulder to Rose Brook. Rose Brook lies in 2 townships and there is a bridge over a creek. First step for addressing Rose Brook - Eddie Sheppard recommended starting with Grant Bystol to get it taken care of as part of the county maintenance program.