



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.

Minutes – SHAWANO PATHWAYS, Tuesday, April 14, 2020 - Virtual Board Meeting called to order 6:35 pm

Facilitator	Nancy Brown-Koeller, President
Note Taker	Dana Mueller, Secretary
Members & others Present	Matty Mathison, Matt Hendricks, Mary Krueger, Dale Hutjens, Will Kort, Brian Krause, Maxine Williams, Dave Koeller, Nitta Charnon, Dennis Schneider, Brad Holz, Melanie Curti, John Koeller
Members Absent	Heather Zimba, Angela Divjak, Greg Sturm

- Approval of March 10, 2020 meeting minutes - Matty M motion to accept minutes, Dale H second, motion passed. Minutes accepted as written
- Treasurer’s Report – Brian Krause - Friend of MBT requested to cash out the donation that SP was holding for the group. SP matched the \$1,000 we were holding with \$1,000 from general funds. Dale motion to accept, Mary second. Motion passed, report accepted. Matty suggested donating funds to the City Parks Dept to assist with upkeep on Born Learning Trail. Matt advised the trails look pretty good, most pressing need will be at Kuckuck Park and will be asphalt work. Fixing asphalt is not slated for this year. Funds will be available for repainting when needed. Angie Schultz passed away a couple weeks ago, Matty sent a letter to her husband on Pathways’ behalf.
- Old Business
 1. Sugar Shack Snowshoe - Matty Mathison - 5 minutes - Temperature was 25 degrees but warmed to 35 degrees by noon. Suggestions for 2021 include: getting guides out in advance of the hike, bridges for swamp installed, sign all trails in the same direction, starting earlier in the day, fliers should advise to check for updates for event due to weather. May want to do a Feb. Sugar Shack hike. Received \$40 in donations for signage.
 2. BTBQ - Matty Mathison - 10 minutes - Rack cards, business cards and trifolds are complete. Tom Thomas is driving all routes to ID fire numbers for route signs. Hoorags are ordered - due to COVID-19 the manufacturer was shut down. Manufacturer offered to refund money or allow them to print hoorags late, doubling the amount at no charge. Staff shirts have been completed by Speedy Ts. Delaying printing new maps, offering donors who have already submitted money the option of having money returned or having ads on maps for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Added on all brochures “check for current updates”. Letter to Grant asking for him to check routes and advise of any construction. Matty reached out for recommendations on postponing/rescheduling the ride. Many recommended waiting till June to make decision on rescheduling or postponing ride.

3. Wescott Bike Ride - 5 minutes - Scheduled for May, this will be cancelled.
4. Paddle & Pedal - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - Nancy advised we can wait until May 1st to make a decision on this as it is late June. Posters are completed, if we decide to move forward we can advertise in May. Nancy has not spoken with Jeff from Great Wolf. It is on hold for a decision until May. Brad suggested having participants start on their own rather than in a group. Nancy advised that many aspects of the event would need to be reworked for social distancing.

➤ New Business

1. Friends of MBT Updates - Matty Mathison - 10 minutes - Group has cancelled some meetings due to COVID 19. Officially a 501c3. Need a letter that shows support from County Parks Dept for creation of the group. Keith is back from medical leave, Matty will check with him. Received funds from Shawano Pathways and the \$1000 donation. Matty sent a letter outlining responsibilities for BTBQ. Hoorag has Friends of MBT logo on it.
2. Snowshoe signage/Chamber - Matty Mathison - 10 minutes - Matty wrote for an Egan Grant for \$2000 and asked the Chamber to write a letter in support.
3. Thursdayz at Franklin updates - Matt Hendricks - 5 minutes - Held a meeting with City Council members regarding upcoming community events. At this point in time, Council has decided that they will not be any more restrictive than the state. Thursdayz at Franklin will be dictated by state of WI allowing large group gatherings again. Nothing is formally cancelled, how this will be affected is yet to be determined. If events are cancelled, the schedule for non profits will be reworked to keep opportunities equitable.
4. Grant for River Trail - Matt Hendricks - 10 minutes - WI State MLS Grant allocated \$75 million for infrastructure improvements. City of Shawano applied for the grant with the intent to connect 2 existing trails. The grant was approved and takes care of 40% of the cost (projection of \$600,000 total cost). The grant allows 5 years for completion. City needs to acquire 1 more parcel before building the trail out. Matt is waiting on a proposal from Strand. Since it is a state grant, it cannot be matched with other state monies (tourism or DNR grants). This limits the number of grants available. City Council is moving forward and may approve a design contract with Strand. The City will need Pathways help on this to cover the gap between the grant money and the total cost of the project. Nancy asked for a letter requesting support and this will be a topic for next month's agenda.
5. BBQ & Blue Grass pricing - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - On hold until BTBQ decision is made. New pricing discussed was \$18 for music & dinner. Will institute pricing for kids - \$10 for kids ages 6 -12, 5 and under free. Also discussed changing to an advance ticket sale with \$15 for music & dinner ticket in advance and \$18 at the door. No decision at this time.
6. By-laws Update - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - By-laws need to be updated - digital copy (from 2015) on the site was corrupted. Nancy believes the copy that she found had updates but they were not written down. Currently operating differently from the by-laws. Nancy will give Dana a copy of the by-laws to distribute to board members and review for changes.
7. Committee & Task Force Report - Trail Clean up is cancelled due to safer at home order. Brian said he saw people walking and cleaning. Nancy has posted on Facebook that there won't be group clean up and mentioned in the post that it would be a good thing for families to do together as they are out on the trails. Brad updated the website. Brian asked for an update on the trails booklet. Draft is complete. Will provided an update after a conversation with Grant. Trying to get funding to extend widening of lanes from bridge to H, which would leave section after bridge to Green Bay St. Any widening would be the responsibility of the city. County and city are working together on this. Matt advised Scott Kroening (director of Public Works) would be a good contact at the city level. John advised as soon as weather permits he would begin maintenance on the Yellow Trail. An Eagle Scout is still interested in completing work(platform for picnic table) and will check with the Boy Scouts to see if they will allow the Scouts to complete projects this year. Mary received new memberships (7) after sending out letters. Nitta received 1 more that was not sent in prior to the meeting. Matt reported that sidewalk requests that Pathways submitted have been reviewed and at least 1 was approved. New park to park maps are printed. Survey for the proposed fitness center came back unfavorable for the project. Matty brought up revisiting the MBT bridge if summer plans are changed. This will be an agenda item for next month. Park to park loop signs are ready for installation.

Motion to adjourn - Brian Krause, second Matty Mathison

Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2020