



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, May 12, 2020 - Virtual meeting called to order - 6:36 pm

Facilitator	Nancy Brown-Koeller, President
Note Taker	Dana Mueller, Secretary
Members & others Present	Matty Mathison, Mary Krueger, Maxine Williams, Nitta Charnon, Brad Holz, Sandra Carroll, Melanie Curti, Dave Koeller, Scott Krueger, Owen Krueger, Will Kort, Thomas Albrecht, Brian Krause
Members Absent	Heather Zimba, Angela Divjak, Greg Sturm, Matt Hendricks

Welcome - Scott and Owen Krueger were in attendance as guests. Nancy asked for new business item #3 be moved up so guests could depart early if necessary. Owen is working towards achieving his Eagle Scout and wants to work with Pathways for his Eagle Scout project. One of his leaders works at Shawano Lawn & Stone. They are working together to draft plans for the shelter/foundation on the Clay Barrow trail. They will be prepared to present different options at the June board meeting. Basics that Pathways would like to see is a foundation for the picnic table to sit on, that the table would be level and be able to be mowed around. Matty advised that she put Scott’s name on the account at Qualheim’s. The project was approved to be appropriate for an Eagle Scout project.

- Approval of April 14, 2020 meeting minutes - motion to accept Brian Krause, second Matty M, minutes approved as written
- Treasurer’s Report – Brian Krause - motion to accept Matty M, second Mary K, report accepted as presented
- Old Business
 1. Friends of MBT - Matty Mathison - 5 minutes - Keith completed his letter for the 501c3 requirement. Final Leadership Shawano County meeting is this week, they will ask the members of that group if they would like to be involved with the Friends group.
 2. BTBQ - Matty Mathison - 10 minutes - options for BTBQ: 1) hold it as has been in the past 2) cancel completely 3) virtual option - invite people to walk/run/bike and work with Friends Group (group would reduce membership fee for those involved in event) Pay registration fee, walk/run/bike a distance and let group know. Give extra incentive for participants to utilize Mountain Bay Trail (hoorag). Best way to sell this is through volunteers. Suggested timeframe is the last 2 weeks of September. \$30 registration with \$15 going to Friends of Mtn Bay Trail membership 4) could add an invitation for people to come to Shawano to participate, but it would be without the port a potties, food stands, breakfast etc. ThedaCare is not requiring us to return the \$5000 donation from them.

Brian suggested a longer time frame for a virtual event -August - September. Would need volunteers to send out envelopes to participants upon completion. Stores are reopening so we could still work with a downtown business to raffle the quilt. Without Thursdayz at Franklin we lose our best opportunity to sell tickets. Recommended that we save the quilt for a raffle for next year.

3. BBQ & Blue Grass - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - Due to the need for social distancing and BTBQ going virtual, BBQ & Blue Grass will not take place in 2020.
4. Egan Grant - Matty Mathison - 10 minutes - Sent in application for an Egan grant for snowshoe signs, due May 8th.
5. Paddle & Pedal - Nancy Brown Koeller - 15 minutes - Wolf River Outfitters is open and ready to rent. If someone else wants to pick up the event and chair it, Nancy can give materials. Due to social distancing requirements, it would be a challenge to hold this event. No one wanted to take over and the majority agreed that a safe decision was to cancel. Nancy will follow up with Jeff.
6. Thursdays at Franklin - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - May event is cancelled, remainder is TBD.
7. Park to Park Maps - Nancy Brown Koeller - 2 minutes - Completed and delivered to Dave. Kiosks haven't needed to be refilled as of yet. Until we can put up new trail signs, Dave advised keeping old copies on routes that are changed on new maps.
8. By-laws - Nancy Brown Koeller - 10 minutes - Nancy emailed suggested changes to the by laws. Matty brought up the change from "SPOKES" to "Shawano Pathways". "SPOKES" is our official 501c3 designation. Nancy clarified that it would still be listed as "SPOKES" in the initial paragraph, and would be Shawano Pathways after. Will requested the changes be sent to him. This will be set as an agenda item for June's meeting.
9. River Trail - Matt Hendricks - 15 minutes - Matt sent his request to Nancy and she forwarded to the group. He did not join the meeting this evening in order to allow the group to discuss freely. Matt is looking for Pathways to send a letter of endorsement and to be a substantial donor (\$50,000 - \$70,000 total). Matty moved to send a letter of endorsement, second Brad, motion carried. Nancy will draft a letter of endorsement. Nancy suggested a \$35,000 donation paid out over 5 years - this matches the donation given to the county but protects Pathways from over committing due to reduced fundraising in 2020. Nancy advised that we could up the donation in subsequent years if fundraising improved and if we highlighted it as a special project during fundraising opportunities in 2021. Matty brought up the upcoming project on Airport Rd. Pathways does not have an obligation to help fund this. Nancy thought that the \$7000/year would allow Pathways to use only "new" money as the donation, without dipping into capital funds, enabling Pathways to help fund other projects that may come up. Brian advised that he would be comfortable with a donation of \$5,000/year. The city has been a better partner and Nancy wanted to at least match the donation to the county. The Pevonka fund has \$27,000 in it and the trail would be an appropriate use of those funds. Matty supported the \$35,000 donation as the city, through Matt, has been a tremendous help to Pathways. The Pevonka fund could be used to augment the donation if fundraising during a year is lower than anticipated. Motion to donate \$7,000/year for 5 years, starting in 2021 for River Trail - Matty M, second Will K. Motion carries.

➤ New Business

1. Potential Grants - Matty Mathison & Dale Hutjens - 10 minutes - Dale had ideas for Matt to raise money for the river trail. Matty gave contact information to Matt and Dave to connect.
2. Qualheim's Account - Nancy Brown Koeller - 5 minutes - Matty set up an account with Board members listed for anyone who needs to get supplies for Pathways projects
3. Eagle Scout Project - Nancy Brown Koeller - 10 minutes - moved to beginning of the meeting
4. Mountain Bike Trails - Nancy Brown Koeller - 10 minutes - someone reached out to Nancy about getting a group together to build mountain bike trails. Nancy advised him to reach out to the County Parks Director to find out if trails are included on the 5 year plan.
5. Committee & Task Force Report - Nitta advised that multiple people from Pathways are contacting Grant. He asked that the group have one point of contact. Grant did not remember everyone that he spoke with. Mary is looking to incorporate membership drive into upcoming events. Welcome bags are still being distributed to new residents with Pathways brochures. Kessler & Associates sent in a

lifetime membership check. Matty advised that Heather Zimba has been called up as part of the Naval Reserve and is on her way to serve in Guam; setting up a testing facility.

Motion to adjourn - Brian K, second Mary meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020