

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:03)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Carolan, Neilly, Scott, Thayer, Whyte

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – June 26, 2018
Motion by Brandt, seconded by Neilly, to approve the minutes.
All 'Ayes', minutes approved.

4. BRIDGE NAMING DISCUSSION:

Billings informed the Committee that she had received a request to name the reconstructed bridge over Marion Boulevard after Alan McElwain, a WWI veteran that had significant impact in forming the Marion American Legion. The Committee discussed and felt that a stronger tie needed to be made between the individual and the trail, or significant financial contribution towards the project. The Committee felt it was better to request a memorial along the trail or on the Legion property to honor Mr. McElwain. They also suggested that a naming policy be created to ensure uniformity of a process in the future.

5. PRIVATE TRAIL ACCESS DISCUSSION:

Billings noted that she had received a few requests for direct access onto the current or future trail system. One was a residential property owner questioning if he could have an access point on the future CeMar Trail. The other was Timberline Manufacturing that was interested in having an access off the Grant Wood Trail (known as Lindale Trail) that is north of their new building.

The Committee discussed and felt that allowing mowing on the City owned property to a private residence was okay, but not a formal path (paved or gravel) would be allowed because we don't want to encourage unwanted users to leave the trail onto private property.

The Committee felt that Timberline would be a different circumstance in which a direct trail connection would encourage employees to use the trail. They recommended the City receive a formal request in writing to get the process started. Most likely needing a hold harmless or encroachment agreement to proceed, and also some assurances of the connection's maintenance and snow clearing.

6. TRAIL / BRIDGES PROJECT UPDATE:

Billings updated the Committee on the construction of the Grant Wood Trail noting that paving contractor delays or weather delays have been the reason for the trail not being completed.

CeMar Trail alignment discussions have been progressing with potential alignments identified. Staff is working on a memorandum of understanding to be presented to the property owner to ensure both parties are anticipating the same things.

The Indian Creek Trail is progressing with survey work and wetland studies.

7. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAIL UPDATE / ADDITIONAL GRANT RECOMMENDATION

The City was able to secure funding from the Marion Independent School Board, Delta Dental, and the Linn County Supervisors, leaving the City to commit \$18,843.25 towards the project to secure the funding from the Wellmark Foundation. Billings noted that there is an upcoming submittal deadline for a Federal Recreation Trails Grant and wondered if the Committee thought it would be a good idea to use the Wellmark grant funds to be the match for federal funds. This would federalize the project which would add more staff time to the project, but it would allow the City to possibly complete the entire trail without additional local match funding.

Motion by Thayer, seconded by Carolan to recommend the City Council approve an application for Federal Recreational Trails Funds to construct the Marion Independent Safe Routes to School Trail. All "Ayes", motion approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

9. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary