

Walk! Bike! Brockport!

Meeting: January 14, 2010

7:00 pm, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Ray Duncan, Ute Duncan, Nancy Washer, Peter Randazzo, Harry Shifton, Dave Ball, Lucille Ribble, Bill Andrews, Jack Milner, Doug Hickerson

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Margay's Tree Request: Ray

Margay Blackman, Tree Committee Chair, has requested \$180 for a tree to plant on Arbor Day.

Lucille Ribble moved & Harry Shifton seconded that we allocate \$180 for the tree; vote was unanimous.

Trails Committee Report: Peter

Most of the \$ 225 allocated for trail stakes at the last meeting has been spent.

Stakes need to be painted; the word "Trail" will be stenciled on them with a possible "WB" at the top to indicate our role in marking the trail. Peter showed a sample stake: yellow with "trail" in black.

Perhaps a WB winter project will be to paint them at Peter's house

Regarding future purchases for materials for Trail Projects,

Walk Bike [as a Village Committee] may be able to place orders tax-exempt through Harry Donahue, who could purchase materials and send the bill to the Village, when it would be paid from our account. Harry Shifton noted that by using this procedure we get the village contract price

Dave Ball has sketched the trail on the map—USA Track and Field website also estimates trail length; Pete has snow shod around to check it out.

We could start with a perimeter trail, then add in additional loops; the trail some streams [we could ask scout troop to make small bridges as projects]

Discussion

Dave: lots of programs that allow you to do what he did with the map; Pete lists chores: clearing the paths, starting with rakes, get some other groups to help out as well.

Ray asks Jack Milner [Town of Sweden Superintendent] if it's ok with him for us to continue with the trail project. Jack noted he has brought the revocable permit and will help in any way he can; there's an Eagle Scout currently looking for a project (they typically ask Fred Perrine), they've already grabbed the Scouts to build a shelter for the skating rink; he also notes that small bridges sound like good projects for other scouts

Harry: make sure the trail comes out to sidewalk on Redman Road to connect to Clarkson someday: he has a dream of walking from the Lake to the Bergen Swamp. Jack is writing a grant to complete the sidewalk to the Towpath.

Pete: asked Doug Hickerson if he could help publicize the trail when it opens; Doug said he needs 3 weeks notice, better a month.

Jack: the park is a work in progress; further development may cause the trail to be rerouted

Jack Milner, Sweden Town Supervisor

Jack provided 3 handouts on the Sweden Community Foundation [SCF], pointing out most people don't know it exists. He provided Walk Bike with a brief overview and history of the SCF, founded in 2005.

SCF is developing a website; is seeking financial donations, grants, and other revenue sources.

SCF has found a grant-writer to help them out; example: New York State Parks Grant—matching grant of \$300,000 (yields \$600,000)

- To build the ice rink, 2 multi-purpose athletic fields, parking lots, beach volleyball, sidewalk on Redman Road, lighting at Netopsky Field
- Problem is the match, Town is matching with services

Other handout—park master plan, multiple phases (looks like the entire area will be completely developed)

Jack feels we have enough sports facilities, wants to move into other areas—lodge, amphitheater, handicapped accessible playground, the trail.

Discussion

Ray: have you spoken to Brockport Development Corporation [BDC]?

Bill Andrews notes that he is BDC's Vice-President; Kathy Halstead is president. BDC is working on Clinton Street redevelopment.

Ray: maybe Jack should meet with Kathy Halstead; Jack: sounds like a good idea.

Peter asks Jack if Walk Bike could ask SCF for a few hundred dollars to go toward Trail Development; Jack: a few hundred would be ok

Regarding Dock near Sweden Senior Center

Harry Shifton has talked to Marilyn and Mike Andriach who says SUNY-Brockport has appropriated money for the dock, but the Canoe Committee has died, and Harry is trying to resurrect it.

- Jack: supports it, but it could be done cheaper, he asked BISCO for money, but they have none; asked the Town Board for a Community Development Block Grant, need to repair sidewalks by community center, piggyback 10,000 for the dock depending on the stipulations (diversity etc.); applications due in a couple of week, will work with Harry; needs to contact the canoe guy who sometimes has to go rescue people

Meeting adjourned: 7:53 before signing ceremony—Ray and Jack sign Agreement on the Community Trail

Due to many upcoming absences in February and March, our next official Meeting will be in April. We'll stay in contact through e-mail.

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Washer