

Wilderness Pedalers Meeting - August 15, 2018

Denny called the meeting to order at 9am. Present: Denny Breitholtz, Paul Specht, Al Drum, and Sarah Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes made by Al, second by Sarah. All aye. Al provided a financial report with a balance of \$47,542.19, and noted an approximate \$15,000 remainder due MSA Engineering for the recently completed feasibility studies.

It was noted the trail to from K to WinMan is still in development. MW Inc. is getting studies and working on permission from Vilas Co. Forestry and Highway Departments.

Trails and feasibility studies were reviewed. We have cost estimates and roughed in trail locations, including boardwalks and bridges, for trails from Pipke Park to Hwy P and then along P to the School for ~\$7.3 million, and from Pipke Park along W to WinMan for ~\$9.3 million. All of the information/maps will be presented to interested lead donor(s) noting the more desirable trail is P due to finances, aesthetics, and the fact that it goes past or nearby two resorts, rental vacation homes, and a campground. This was also the more favored trail in the survey. Concern was expressed over Winchester connection, and there were ideas/suggestions about focusing on a connector following Hwy P should that be pursued. Hwy B remains another alternative and there has been some expression of financial support for a trail from Dairyman's to Natural Lakes.

The routes and costs can be adjusted as more is learned on donor interest, land easements, etc. Potential savings include building trail all at once rather than a phased approach, possible utilization of town roads (i.e. Riverside of Old W Rd), and various sections where we may move to road and build a connected/expanded road trail versus expensive boardwalk/bridge. Using connected/expanded roadways needs additional approval from the county highway department. Al will start a conversation with the Vilas County Highway Commissioner regarding this.

Al presented at Winchester Town Board and received support for the Hwy W feasibility study. Al will also present at Vilas County Highway next week updating their committee on our progress and findings to date.

The board will meet again at a date TBD, and prior to any donor meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Al at 9:50am, second by Paul. All aye.