

## WILDERNESS PEDALERS

Weds., Sept. 25 2019

Present:

Marjean Schuelke, Al Drum, Dennis Breitholtz, Bob Twelmeyer, Sarah Johnson, Dick Hemming, Paul Specht(via phone)

Guests:

Phil Kriesel (MSA)

Phil reported he and Al Drum drove Crab Lake Rd. The current traffic count averages 75 cars per day. Phil stated there would be many costly challenges to widen or add bike lanes to Crab Lake Rd. There are many steep drop offs, that would require lots of fill and would be difficult to stabilize. Phil stated this road would not be a family friendly route. The northern part of Crab Lake Road is 24ft wide; the southern half is 20ft wide. Widening should be 3 - 5 foot on each side to be safe. The current posted speed is 35mph and perhaps posted bike signs would enhance compliance.

Discussion centered around an off road trail starting at the intersection of Cty K and Cty P heading north to the intersection of Cty P and Crab Lake road. This route would connect the township of Presque Isle to the current bike trails in Manitowish Waters.

The question was raised whether Bike's Inc. has been contacted about their future plans. The response was that this has not happened.

It was asked if there is any consideration of making a connector from the existing bike trail at Mud Lake Rd and Cty W along Cty W to Old Cty O in Winchester and then from S. Turtle Lake Rd and Cty J to the existing trail at WinMan. There was no discussion concerning this alternative.

Motion by Dick Hemming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah Johnson to proceed on building an off road bike trail from the intersection of Cty K along Cty P to end at a dedicated parking lot at the intersection of Cty P and Crab Lake Rd. Motion carried.

MSA will get boots on the ground to get an exact route and estimate of cost for this trail.

Motion by Al Drum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Twelmeyer to approach the town of Presque Isle about widening the southern end of Crab Lake Rd 4-6 feet when it is repaved. Also ask about the "lining" along each side of the road to indicate a "bike lane". Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Twelmeyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Drum to adjourn. Motion carried.