

## Ingersoll Recreational Trails Ad Hoc Committee - MINUTES

June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 – 6:30pm - Town Hall – JC Herbert Room

**Present:** Steve McSwiggan  
Kyle Stefanovic  
Jordon Sangers  
Kathy Edge

Mike Hawkins  
Fred Freeman  
Reagan Franklin

**Regrets:** Rob Alexander

Natasha Wreford  
Ted Comiskey  
Darryl Capern

### 1. Approval/Amendment of Agenda

**Moved by: Mike Hawkins**

**Seconded By: Reagan Franklin**

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

**Moved By: Reagan Franklin**

**Seconded By: Mike Hawkins**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Business arising from the minutes

#### ➤ Signage status –

- i. We have all trail head signs, 3 have been put in for rotary money, other ones are sitting at parks shop to install, getting locates done based off map developed at last meeting
- ii. Code of conduct signs are being printed, accessibility signs, 1 is done but the other trails need to be done
- iii. AODA Signs need Address of parks for emergency purposes, you need to list address on either side listing the road that meets the trail
- iv. Every AODA sign will be different, because of the requirements to list address
- v. Three of the posted signs have the 'you are here' stickers
- vi. Rotary covering costs for wooden posts and signs, we only need to pay for AODA signs and metal posts.
- vii. Timeline? The locates are done for trail head signs, once parks is done with storm clean up, they will make signs the next priority

#### ➤ South Trail Clean Up

- i. Washout – need to revisit again because of damage done

#### ➤ New Business

- i. Whiting St area, do we own that? Partial, swamp

- ii. Board walk trail would be the only possibility at this point
- iii. Golf Estates – possible trail? We don't get the parkland dedication until it's finished or near the end, and there is 2 phases – looking at a few years. There will be land for a park in 1.5 lots, access to the park in 1 lot, then the woodland behind it. Kyle to share the subdivision proposal to show where parkland is

#### 4. Butternut Trails

##### ➤ Kick off Project Plan

- i. Met with Upper Thames, four season assessment was completed. Done vegetation sampling, nothing hugely significant. Plans to plant more butternuts. Want this committee and make a plan of where we want to see the trail to go, we then go back to them, they walk the proposed trail to see if there is anything significant, they sign off, council approves and we proceed there is a lot of spidering, they want one trail only, and other trails need to go across existing trail. They want to transplant vegetation where necessary to replant where trails already exist. Keep the impact to one area and not spread out. They suggested we make it a dirt trail and go from there.
- ii. Tree Hazard Assessments- They only assess trees along the trail – when we modify the trail, they will do a yearly tree hazard assessment along the new trail and perimeter of the property on what trees could fall on houses – schools need to contact them separately. Is this cost effective? \$1000 year for this assessment.
- iii. Anywhere with water needs to be board walked(pig slats) because they are wet areas. Refer to map.
- iv. Potential for 6 pigslats, 10 ft long – as long as we can fit in a bobcat.
- v. Kyle to meet with both schools boards and ask them if they are okay with the trails. Next steps – permission from school boards if proposed plans are ok with them, then back to upper Thames conservation authority. Should we consider wood chips, dirt trails get pretty mucky. Keep trail as natural as possible. Wood chips is cheaper – temporary and dryer under foot. Establish trails with chips, so we set trails – we create the trail instead of people creating it. Can bikes go in? dry, yes! Permissions – get back to upper thames conservation authority before July council, so council can sign off on our portion. We could start right after. Issue RFP for wood chips with timeline and costs, (usually open for a month) plus pigslats, so looking at a fall opening.
- vi. Target a September opening for town portion of the trails

##### ➤ RFP by July

#### 5. South Trail Clean Up

- Contractor would be here today or tomorrow. Guaranteed gone by the end of the week
- Culvert area needs a clean out – trail was fixed but new storm created damage

- Water moves culvert, not an established creek – no true bed, so more water finds a new path
- Can we create an artificial streambed? Could, but would be from that trail to the railway.
- Elevated pigslats? Collection pond with one exit? Rough cost of pigslat – close to boardwalk – price. Mike to look to see what they have and will report back on price

## 6. New business

- Lots of Thomas Ingersoll scenic trail directional signs, don't necessarily lead anywhere. Do we take down from roads and onto trails? The signs connected trails to one another using streets. Tricky – is it a trail or a roadway? If we are worried about connections, we could show the connections online. On the trail head signs they have streets listed and can know where they are - not sure they are needed anymore. Very confusing system to follow. Do we put up signage for 'routes' not trails. Motion: Recommend to parks that we reorganize all directional signs to fit new trail system
- **1<sup>st</sup> Fred Freeman**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reagan Franklin**
- **CARRIED**
- Upper Thames – North Thames plans, if we cannot get land owner approval, we can go on upper thames property. Landowner owns up to top of bank. Kyle to get Bill to get meeting together. Nice to get more traffic to go around the old CN building.
- Jordan Sangers – taken a job at Norfolk County.

## 7. Review Calendar

## 8. Motion to Adjourn