

MINUTES
Goshen Parks and Recreation Commission
November 28, 2023 at 6:00PM
Goshen Community Building, 244 Clark Street

Call to Order: Adam Walker called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Adam Walker, Kyle McGurk, Caleb LeBow and Danielle Edwards were present. Ken Smith was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Caleb LeBow made a motion to table Item C. State Outdoor Recreation Update to next meeting. Seconded by Kyle McGurk. All in favor. Yay. (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried. Kyle McGurk motioned to approve agenda. Seconded by Caleb LeBow. All in favor. Yay (4) Opposed. (0). The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

October 30, 2023 Minutes. Adam Walker made a motion to approve the minutes with the minor edits. Seconded by Kyle McGurk. All in favor yea (4) Opposed (0). The motion carried.

Old Business:

A. ARDOT Tap Grant Update:

Finalizing Sign off on Crafton Tull Amendment: Caleb LeBow presented. At the last City Council meeting we received approval from the council to go ahead and submit the LPA 0004 form of the revisions to the trail tap trail project. I have that submitted today. So, ARDOT is looking over that. We also presented Crafton Tulls second amendment for geotechnical two borings as well as the design of the footings and believe it was and the finalization of the current trail project from 90 to 100%. I need to get with the city on that, just to clarify, it has been signed so the Crafton can wrap everything up. Now we are in an acceptable position.

Bridge Quotes: Caleb LeBow presented. We have two submittals, one quote now on the bridge it came in at \$39,400 which was lower than expected. It included a concrete deck, but not the placement of the deck, as well as transportation to the site and erection of the steel for the bridge, also the anchor bolts and connections. So, the only thing that I think is left out of this effectively are the footings and the abutment. I am going to follow up on that. So, if you all have any questions. I can connect with Andrew Messer and see if he can provide some more clarification. But they have been great to work with so far and they have a good understanding of the project. We are saving right around \$50,000. Adam: It looks like the bridge on the one that you had emailed had allotted \$60,000 for potential cost. Caleb: So, we are \$20,000 under on that, then an additional \$30,000 on what Crafton quoted for transportation of the bridge, which was high. So, going in a good direction. There's still installation. Kyle: since this is a federally funded project, it was 2020. Congress passed the Build America by America Act, which requires all federally funded projects to use US based steel. In the last six months, the

US Hwy. Department issued guidance that lowered the limit for that. So, it is intended to be smaller projects can use just because it is like such an administrative burden. This project is still over that limit, so we need to be using fully US source materials. Caleb: I will follow up on that.

B. Highlands Gravel Classic Update

To-Do's Moving Forward: Kyle presented. The City Council did pass a resolution allowing the event to occur. The next steps are us working with Bruce to determine to what level the city is going to support it, from the city standpoint as well as from the nonprofit Parks and Trees Foundation standpoint working with them. Because I know they brought up at the last meeting, they brought up the community hosting a meal, that sort of thing. And there were questions about whether that would be a city hosted event or whether there would be renting that space hosting that. Danielle asked if the city will not be providing the meal? Kyle: No, that was not requested. We went in without asking anything from the city from a budget standpoint.

I advised Bruce to just ask for the resolution for the event and later time discuss other support. Kyle feels that the city should not be involved in preparing and serving a meal. The Commissioner discussed contacting Farmers Market; they have great connections. Do a fund raiser to buy meals through a meal truck for the athletes. Kyle feels working as a team with Parks and Trees Foundation and the Farmers Market is the best way forward. Kyle will reach out to Bruce.

C. State Outdoor Recreation Grant Update: Tabled.

D. HUD Environmental Assessment & Grant Update: Adam Walker presented. Kens update, the good portion, that he is assessed, is that he is made to the entire environmental document and has each question and issue addressed. However, reaching back out to our regional HUD Rep. He needs to look through the species and mitigation needs to those as well, but he believes he is still on track for yearend. And once he completes this, we will send out public notice and then take comments and then respond to any of those issues that are raised. Ken has saved us approximately \$50,000 doing this.

E. Miscellaneous:

Potential White River Trail Update: Caleb LeBow presented. Finally heard back, the corps was for it. We submitted a more formal proposal. They ran it up and down the chain over about three months and Micheal Hurley's finding at the Corps were that there is just too much concern on the environmental sensitivity of the area primarily being that they think that it is going to get used so heavily that there would be erosion problems.

Adding Street Crossings: Caleb LeBow presented. I heard mentioned last year or so about that there was mention of street crossing in the center of town, at the Dollar General and Anderson's. Then crossing here to get to from, say this area, then branch South to Mill Branch north. And just wanted to throw out there that if we ever do want

those Street Crossings. It would not be expensive to do. I do not know if it is necessary. I mean I do not see a ton of people trying to make that cross every day. But I would think realistically it is just a conversation with ARDOT and the county potentially to make sure that we have the OK from them to go ahead and put that in.

Public Input:

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Caleb LeBow at 7.00PM. Seconded by Danielle Edwards. All in favor. Yea (4) Opposed. (0) The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Chairman Ken Smith