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Minutes of Bike/Ped Safety Sub-Committee of Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, May 30, 2018  
First Responders Building, W7866 County Rd. ZN, Onalaska, WI

Safety Committee Members Present: Brian Tippetts, Jim Nissen, Jerri Monti, Paula Przywojski, Vicki Burke, Fritz Funk  
Others Present: Barb Elsen

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tippetts. Funk was appointed the chair for this sub-committee.

The committee first previewed the existing trail system on Brice Prairie. Members focused on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Visitor Center trails. The trails on the USFWS property are either paved or gravel. Bikes may be used on paved trails with pedestrians. Gravel paths are for pedestrians only. A member related a discussion with USFWS that they would be amenable to discussing connection options for their trail system that might allow for through traffic. Promoting "visits" to USFWS refuge is a Service priority which might be enhanced with trail connections.

The committee reviewed the Rivendale I and II Subdivision development area. Much of the discussion centered on how the existing trails might be connected to parks and other trails thus giving more public access and increasing safety, especially for children using parks and fishing areas.

The committee also reviewed bicycle trail maps in the 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan (dated 2010) and the 2012 supplement to the plan for prior planning efforts on which to base recommendations. The plan discussed four possible external connections at Cty. Z, Cty. ZN, Oak Grove, and Upper Halfway Creek.

The committee looked at four possible connections internal to Brice Prairie that might help provide off-county-highway cross-prairie routes connecting subdivisions and recreation areas (parks, boat landings and other water access points, and USFWS refuge lands). The first was a possible path in Rivendale II from Rivendale Ave. to the intersection of ZZ and ZN through lots 71 and 72. This path is already shown on the proposed development plan. The committee felt this should be brought to the Public Safety Committee and the Town of Onalaska Board since the development is in the planning stage. This would allow for a possible connection with Oak Grove and USFWS trails.

The second possible connection was from Schaller Park to the USFWS Visitor Center trail system. This would have to come through the Mohr property and another private property.

The third was possible connection through Dynamic Recycling to Mesa Grande Development using Town of Onalaska land located in water retention pond.

The fourth was from Mesa Grande Development to Mosey Landing using some Town of Onalaska land and some private property.

Motion to adjourn by Monti, seconded by Przywojski. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Secretary, Vicki Burke

