

**ICE AGE TRAIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
AGENDA TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
6:00 PM
BOARD
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MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVE.**

Present: Christina Callies, Jim Muenzenberger, Jeff Romagna, Dave Van Thiel, Jeanie Georgson, Dave Van De Ven and Kelli Yogerst.

1. **Consideration of a motion to approve the Minutes for the meeting of April 2, 2019.** Motion (Muenzenberger/Van Thiel) to approve the April 2, 2019 minutes. Carried (7-0).

2. **Discussion and consideration of:**
 - a. **Reroute Ice Age Trail** – Muenzenberger and Van Thiel like the idea of rerouting the trail. Van Thiel said if they reroute the trail they will have to be in collaboration with the Ice Age Trail Alliance as the trail is mapped out, on GIS, and map booklets. He said all the signage is put up by the Waukesha chapter of the Ice Age Trail, so it would need to be a collaboration. Van De Ven commented that he would also like to reroute the trail because one thing he got as he started to go to the businesses were complaints and complaints from people on the trail were about going through the alley way. Yogerst said the Village Board just wants the IATC to look at the 3 routes or see if the IATC had different ideas, because then they would work with the Alliance because the publications come out every 3 years. She said any change wouldn't happen overnight. Van Thiel said this isn't easy and they will have to work with the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

Following are the proposed Ice Age Trail routes along with the pros and Cons:

Current Route:

Pros: Currently well marked, familiar to hikers, shortest of routes, predominately on village streets, village already has easement on alley segment, generally maintained and plowed.

Uses both bridges and along the river path. The Village will be building a new bridge.

Cons: Narrow alley, may be challenging to find, there are dumpsters, etc. Could be a safety issue that cars can turn in.

Thoughts: Repairs are underway for alley and bridge, screening could be gained for waste receptacles (BID grant?), and lighting can be improved.

Yellow Route (Haight/North)-

Pros: Village streets and potential for easy maintenance.

Cons: Longest route, need new trail marking, need to cross private property, would an easement/agreement be needed, maintenance and plowing dependent on bank. Is it the liability on the bank if it goes that way? An agreement would be made with the corporate office of the bank.

Thoughts: Not visually appealing going through the parking lot.

Orange Route (same via pharmacy stairway)

Pros: No pros for this route.

Cons: Need to cross second private property, stairway creates ADA issues and makes segment biker non-friendly, compounds easement issues, puts additional maintenance dependent now on two property owners.

Thoughts: Least appealing.

Red Route (east of Birch/Banyon) -

Pros: Much of route marked and familiar, avoids alley, wider access possible in this area, better views of the river, use new bridge as feature in the route.

Cons: New trail and easements may be needed. How would it be maintained? Would we need to pave a walkway? Where would the red route go after it stops?

Thoughts: Does village have easement (utility) to the river? Who owns property by the apartments?

Van Thiel like the bank or Birch and Banyon way. Feels the bank route would be the easiest to do as you wouldn't have to put in a walkway, you end up right on the river and not that far out of the way.

Several members stated they like the current route as it is.

After some discussion the Red Route was the first choice, or go through Zesti, the second choice was keep the same route with the yellow route being the last choice. It was discussed on talking to the BID to get some feedback.

Yogerst said she will talk to DPW and the village clerk to see what the agreement is regarding easement on Hopkins property and bring this back in June.

Motion (Muenzenberger/Callies) to table agenda item until next month for the final decision. Carried (6-0).

- b. **Ice Age Trail Alliance Partner Program** – Van De Ven has spoken to 21 people and asked if anything had been received and nothing has been received.
 - c. **Ice Age Trail Programs for Fall program guide** – Fall Hike may interfere with the Fright hike. There will be a full moon in December and maybe in November. Last year there were approximately 80 people. Saturday October 12 at 7pm is a possible tentative date.
 - d. **Ideas on how to spend funds the Village of Hartland allocated for the IATCC to use** - Refreshments for the Fall hike and glow sticks. The idea of commemorative pins was brought up for those who completed the Hartland segment of the trail. Talk to Best Edge Marketing and get pricing.
3. **Future meeting topics** – Ideas for things to do or hand out at the Hometown Celebration parade.
 4. **Announcements** – Muenzenberger gave a summary of the Bark River clean up

that took place on April 20, 2019. Someone asked about the figures on the building of the Lake Country Fine Arts School & Gallery in Hartland - could they be put on the band shell or in the park, Yogerst pointed out that is something that would have to go before Park Board.

5. Adjourn – Motion (Thiel/Georgson) to adjourn. Carried (7-0). Adjourned at

7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted, Recording secretary
Deidre Bushey

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