

Friends of the Waverly Trails

Minutes of the meeting November 17, 2004

The meeting of the Friends of the Waverly Rail Trail was called to order at 7 PM at City Hall. Present: Rathe, Folkerts, Main, Ray, Wuertz, Cashman.

1. Planning for a winter Cross Country Ski evening was discussed. We will not set the date until the last minute, depending on the snow. We'll try to avoid February 5 when Lanesboro has their event and February 12 when the Valentine Ball is scheduled. Kim Folkerts said we have 936 candles left from last year. Our milk jug luminaries are in the Parks garage. They should be OK for this year but we may want to retire some of them and make new ones for next year. We have 3 new butane lighters and 10 leftovers. Kim will look into the cocoa and cup supplies. Liz Wuertz will talk to her husband John about organizing bonfire supplies. WADG has the fliers we used last year. They can have the dates changed and we should be able to get them on short notice. Other publicity ideas were e-mail lists – Parks and Recreation, Wartburg, CUNA -, an arrow sign on Bremer Avenue, radio, and newspaper notices.
2. We talked about a connection between Waverly and Shell Rock. Tab Ray and Jim Rathe will talk to the DOT about a trail along Highway 3 and report back at the January meeting.
3. The Lions Club has put up a shelter for the Trail. It is not quite finished. There will be a cement floor and a drinking fountain. We discussed buying 2 cases for notices etc. and making a wall on the north side of the shelter with these. Tab has a catalog with display cases.
4. Jim gave an update on the Rolling Prairie Trail and the trail to Readlyn. The County has purchased the land to Readlyn and is developing a plan for it and for grant applications. Clarksville has received a grant to pave a trail from their paved trail to Heery Woods State Park. They are designing a trail from the present trail from Shell Rock into Clarksville. The purchase of the land from Allison to Coulter is still being negotiated but the funding seems to be there.
5. Liz presented designs for banners for identifying the Trail, especially on Bremer Ave. They would be on their own poles since the Waverly Power and Light says their poles aren't strong enough. She's going to get more details. We are considering using the money we got from RAGBRAI to pay for these.
6. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

Jim Rathe