

PIRC Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday March 10, 2015

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Water and Light Bldg.

Attendees: Dick Benesh, Jeff Peterson, Jerry Elmer, Paul Roemer, John Winters, Cynthia Miller

Present: Keith Krause

Meeting started at 5:05 pm. Paul Roemer motioned and Cynthia Miller seconded to approve last month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items – Unfinished Business

Completion of 2 Currently Existing Trails

Jeff Peterson noted as determined in our February meeting, the emphasis of work would be on the cleanup of the existing trails as opposed to the development of new trails. Jeff said the cleanup of the trails will be ongoing due to the massive amount of brush created during trail development. Certain logs of valuable timber were set aside for Randy Klanke of Orfordville to process, some of which may be used in the building of the covered bridge.

Tour de Green County

Due to the Fundraising Bike Ride scheduled for this summer, the Tour de Green County which will be sponsored by Brodhead Chevrolet, will be postponed until Autumn of this year.

Follow Up on Pit Toilet Permits

After research, Jeff Peterson determined that the Department of Commerce is no longer in existence rendering the potential permit requirement irrelevant.

Marketing Plan for "Ride with Mother Nature"

John Winters and Dick Benesh are working in conjunction with Empire Media of Monroe to promote the bicycle across America fundraiser for the DLMRA. Their goal is to achieve \$1,000,000. The money will be used to support projects by the DLMRA and its partners (PIRC, LSRWA, LWSRIA, Brodhead Chamber of Commerce and other organizations that promote the lake and mill race) and help them achieve their goals.

Follow Up on 2nd Annual Gala

Dick Benesh indicated that the 2nd Annual PIRC Gala was a great success with the collection of approximately \$18000 in donations which superseded last year's return. He was very touched by the generosity of people at the gala and especially grateful for the major contributions by the Green County Conservation League and Brodhead Chevrolet.

New Business

Picnic Table Funding Request from DLMRA

Keith Krause, Vice President of the DLMRA, recently collected \$1571.80 from 3 organizations namely the DLMRA, the County Line Sportsman's Club, and the Brodhead Park and Recreation Department. He requested that the sum of the money collected be matched by the PIRC to provide 4 steel picnic tables for the Decatur Dam Pavilion and for a canopied picnic table located near the dam called 'Rendevous deMun' named after an early settler who established a trading post near the dam in the early 1800's. There was a motion made by Jerry Elmer, seconded by Paul Roemer to approve this plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith noted that a wooden picnic table made by Collin Jorgensen (a Brodhead High School student) and his grandfather was donated by them to the DLMRA for use towards any project for the lake and mill race. A tentative plan was made to locate the picnic table somewhere along the mill race between County F and Decatur Road. Further collaboration with Rich Vogel and Wade Boegli from the Park and Recreation Department will lead to a plan to make this idea a reality.

Keith generously offered to donate 2 in-ground grills to the PIRC for use in any capacity they see fit. He noted that currently people make campfires in a somewhat unrestrictive fashion which can lead to safety issues. Hopefully, by providing in-ground grills, it will provide people with a means to have a campfire along the race in a safe manner. The discussion of controlled campfire environments will be discussed at our next meeting. Keith will also discuss this issue with Wade Boegli and report back his findings.

UW Platteville Presentation of Water Wheel Concept

Dick Benesh stated that the PIRC team is to meet with Professor Ravikumar at the tailrace on March 12 at 10:30 am with a presentation to follow at 11:30 am at Fibs. It is hoped that everyone will attend.

Prioritize Initiatives for Spring and Summer

The focus of the Spring and Summer projects will be on the further development of trails and the clearing of brush for the current trails, the completion of the Headgate Park shelter house and the picnic tables for the Decatur Dam Pavilion and Rendevous de Mun. There may be some work concerning the improvement of the parking lot facilities.

Jerry Elmer stated that the Covered Bridge Design has been completed and the plans are in hand. He will email the plans to the PIRC members. Jeff Peterson and Jerry Elmer noted that the installation of signs to define the PIRC should be placed as a high priority in our list of projects to be completed. Jerry suggested we utilize Ron Phillips in the development of these signs. John Winters said he would print out a Google Earth map of the area and suggest potential sign locations on the map. This could be reviewed by the committee and then submitted to Ron Phillips for a cost estimate.

Grant Extension with DNR

The pending need to request a grant extension for our matching grant with the DNR has compelled us to complete a financial statement for review at our next meeting. Jeff Peterson confirmed we have \$75000 provided by the DNR available to be spend on our projects. Rich Vogel and Jeff Peterson will coordinate with City Engineer Joe De Young from MSA Professional Services to produce this financial report.

Further Action Items

Completion of a Financial Statement for the PIRC

Start of Picnic Table project

Report of Water Wheel Presentation

Progress of PIRC sign project

Respectfully submitted by:

John Winters
PIRC Secretary