Minutes of the Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting January 4, 2023

- 1. Call to Order-Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2. Roll Call-Present: Cronenwett, Stock, Morris, Paquin, Schultz, Tarchala, Kneeshaw. Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning and guests.
- 3. Approval of Minutes-Motion by Cronenwett second by Paquin to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022 as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Agenda-Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to approve the agenda as amended by Cronenwett to add item 8A. Election of Officers for 2023. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Public Comments on Non-Hearing Agenda Items-none
- 6. Public Hearing and Consideration of the 2023 Antwerp Township Parks and Recreation Plan

David Jirousek gave review of the Recreation Plan program which mentions that the Trailway Plan is part of this. This is a 5-year review that entails, community surveys, community workshop comments, population of the township and current community offerings for recreation.

There were two (2) letters of submittal from Jordan Rewa and Bobby McCaig in regards to the Trailway. They were not read out loud, but commissioners had the opportunity to read them. They will be submitted to the township for the record.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Morris at 6:35 PM. Public Hearing guidelines were given by Chairman Morris

Jacob LaRue-owns several parcels along the trail. Concerns with liability and the upkeep of maintaining the trail

Ron Kussy-owns property along the proposed trailway. Question in regards of what side of I-94 will this trailway run. Has safety concerns of this trail as well.

Caleb Anderson-voiced concerns with areas for walking/pedestrians and the possibilities of hunting in the area as well.

Ryan Johnson-there are issues with the Kal-Haven trail with malicious content, so there could exist the same with the trailway.

Karen Bohm-is a bike rider and feels that this path would not be safe. States that there has been no public input in regards to this trailway.

Beth LaRue-in regards to the trailway has concerns with traffic and what uses there will be. States that there has been no public input on this subject.

Bill Multop-wanted to know when the questions that people have commented on will be answered.

David Zygadlo-mention of the electric sub-station on County Road 653 and the safety/property concerns in that area. Also, mention of concerns with the wetland areas along the trailway.

Sadie Spence-voiced concerns with privacy along the trailway.

Beth Combs-concerns with privacy and safety of the trailway. Question in regards to the seasonal time use of the trail.

Joy Gooses-questioned of how does this trailway benefit this community.

Patty Krajewski-uses the Kal-Haven trail for biking. Sad to hear that questions have not been answered in regards to the trailway.

Brian Krajewski-trespassers are always a problem. Has had issues with the Van-Kal Fen property. Those property owners that have property directly linked to the trailway will have issues. Will there be parking areas and entry fees for access to the trail?

Bill Engle-voiced concerns with the amount of traffic on I-94 going past this trailway.

Brett Jeffers-is information in regards to the trailway on Antwerp Township website. What will be the timeline for the trail project in 2023?

There being no further public comment. Motion by Cronenwett second by Kneeshaw to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of the 2023 Antwerp Township Parks and Recreation Plan Notation by Gary Stock for spelling correction of Oshtemo Township.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to recommend approval of the 2023 Antwerp Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Cronenwett-yes, Stock-yes, Morris-yes, Paquin-yes, Schultz-yes, Tarchala-yes, Kneeshaw-yes. Motion carried.

7. Resoulution-2023 Meeting Dates

David Jirousek reviewed with commissioners the 2023 Planning Commission Schedule.

Motion by Kneeshaw second by Cronenwett to approve 2023 Meeting Dates as submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Annual Report

The Planning Commission Annual Report was reviewed by David Jirousek and commissioners.

In regards to the 2023 Goals, commissioners listed additional goals to be completed. Parks and Recreation Plan approval was completed, the list was modified is as follows:

- 1. Wellhead protection overlay
- 2. Environmental Regulations.
- 3. Master Plan 5-year review.
- 4. RRC-Re-Development Ready Communities.
- 5. Continue public engagement on Trailway Plan.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Morris to recommend approval to the Antwerp Township Board the Planning Commission Annual Report and 2023 Goals for their review.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8.A. Election of Planning Commission Officers for 2023

Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to appoint

Chairman-Zach Morris Vice-Chair-John Paquin Secretary- Denise Schultz

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Environmental Regulations and Wellhead Protection Overlay District

Paquin reported that he and Gary Stock will be putting together a preliminary draft for review.

10. Additional Comments and Communications

Discussion with applicant of Rose Creek Estates and Planning Commissioners. Items of interest and overview of project discussed.

Planning commissioners reviewed the public hearing this evening and proper protocol of how interactions with public comments should be handled.

11. Adjournment-Motion by Tarchala second by Kneeshaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Denise M. Schultz, Secretary