

FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
APRIL 26, 2018
MINUTES

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on March 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: Mick Myers, Judy Qualley, Ron Qualley, Mavis Fey, Chris Ingebretsen, Lori Gunnink, Jim Jens, Dan Wildermuth, Amy Rucker, and Deb Nelson.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Jim, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Amy distributed the treasurer's and membership reports noting she has received both Murray and Pipestone County's donations for 2018.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

BUSINESS

DNR Update

Chris Ingebretsen informed the Board that he and Mavis Fey will be in charge of maintenance along the trail from Blue Mound State Park to just west of Slayton. This includes the Lake Wilson section as well.

Amy updated Chris on the Lake Wilson trailhead and her idea of turning the Lake Wilson segment into a walking trail. Since a piece of the trail belongs to the city of Lake Wilson right at the beginning of the trail in city limits, it will be necessary to have a Joint Powers Agreement with the city and DNR for development and maintenance of the trail.

Route Through Woodstock

Dan stated Brad Kruisselbrink is willing to meet but it is challenging trying to find a date that works for Brad.

Dan then informed the Board that the Stone Ray wind farm that will be going up this summer will not interfere with the paving of the next five miles of trail to Woodstock.

Lori Gunnink shared she has learned that wind tower companies have grants available to communities in the vicinity of wind tower farms to assist those communities with any community projects. She will send the information to Deb.

Mick then updated Chris on the idea for landscaping at the trailhead in Pipestone.

Lake Wilson Trail Head

Amy and Deb will be meeting to develop a proposal to turn the Lake Wilson segment of the trail into a walking trail to present to the Lake Wilson city council.

Discussion then followed on the placement of the trailhead sign. It was decided that since Amy and Deb are meeting to discuss the walking trail, they could discuss the layout of the trailhead regarding parking and placement of the sign.

Discussion then followed regarding signage along highways directing users to the Casey Jones Trail. Chris stated he will look at what the cost would be to make the signs through their sign shop. Deb will send the measurements of the Currie sign to Chris.

Dan asked if we should have the trailhead sprayed again this spring.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Amy and unanimously carried to contact Kindel Nelson to have the trailhead sprayed at a cost of \$250-\$300.

Drone Images of the Trail

Chris wasn't available to update the Board on this subject.

Annual Meeting

It was decided to have the annual meeting on June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone. If the drone images are available, this will be the topic for the meeting. It was also decided to have an individual from the Minnesota Parks and Trails Council speak at the meeting as well.

Mavis offered to help with the annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary