

Boyer City to US 31 Non-Motorized Trail Steering Committee

**April 26, 2010 7:00 PM
Pine Lake Room**

Agenda

1. Progress to date
2. Maps and information
3. Prioritize questions
4. Next steps

Progress to date

Passed out minutes of the March 15th Parks Committee meeting minute to show what the Parks Committee has charged the Steering Committee with doing for the NMT.

Shirley Roloff presented the position that the Steering Committee should first address The BC-CX Rd. route, and if it is found not to be feasible, to then research other routes.

She also stated that there would be no buying of right of ways or takings of property for this NMT.

Roger Conaway wants to address right of way issues.

Steve Agnew's issues are with safety, identifying who the users will be, and where the funds will come from.

Mike Dow feels that with a good design the funds will be secured for the NMT.

Maps & information

Dean Solomon went over the maps and aerial photos (taken in the spring of 2004) that the Planning and GIS Departments prepared for the Steering Committee. He informed the Steering Committee that the center line of the existing BC-CX Rd. is the centerline of the road right of way. Right of way widths vary from 99 feet to 66 feet for the BC-CX RD.

Dean also informed the Steering Committee that aerial photos distort elevations and that the property parcel lines are not exact placements. Parcel lines are 2009 data.

In 2005, Top of Michigan Trails Council worked with Northwest Design Group to produce a conceptual plan for the BC-CX Rd NMT. The engineers were not concerned with distances from the NMT to houses along the route at this time. In 2005 it was deemed that the south side of BC-CX Rd was the best route for the NMT.

Roger Conaway wants to know if there are any old railroad grades in this area, and also what the seasonal road right of way widths are.

Sue Topham from the DNRE (Young State Park) stated that campers at the Park have voiced their wishes for a trail that runs both direction from the Park along the BC-CX Rd.

All of the maps, aerial photos, and the 2005 conceptual plan will be stored at MSU Extension Office in Boyne City.

Prioritize questions

Dean summarized the responses to the email on rating the information needs for the Steering Committee. The rating was obtained by giving each issue raised from the December Forum a score of 1 through 3. The scores were totaled, and the highest total scores were deemed to be the highest priority items for the Steering Committee to consider first. The Steering Would like Dean to combine the similar responses for the December Forum. And then use the highest scoring responses for Staff to begin gathering needed information.

Next steps

Sue Topham would like to develop cross sections showing how the NMT could be sited from the centerline of the BC-CX Rd. for the different right of way widths that are along the road.

Obtain right of way widths for seasonal roads in the area.

The issue of when Steering Committee Members should approach neighbors to present information and to solicit more property owner positions and concerns.

There was discussion of holding another public forum in May if the Steering Committee was ready, but probably not until June.

It was decided to make another attempt to notify the property owners adjacent to the BC-CX Rd. and invite them to a Steering Committee or Public Forum Meeting. This will hopefully reach more of the owner that will be in the area that were hear in December.

The next Steering Committee meetings will be May 20, 2010 at the Charlevoix Public Library at 7:00 PM, and June 21, 2010 at Whiting Park at 7:00 pm.

Dean's task is to get a letter or email to the property owner with information about the next meetings.

Steering Committee Members present

Mike Dow, Michael Sheean, Sue Topham, Roger Conaway, Steve Agnew, Shaun McMillan, Sue Keiser, Marc Seelye, Shirlene Tripp, Shirley Roloff

Guests

Yolande Waldie, Bob Waldie, J. Schefer, Bob Drebenstedt, Robert Taylor, Ralph Harmon, Ross Maxwell, Caroline Kobylczak

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