

Marshfield Rec Committee Meeting

August 31, 2023

Attendees: Margaret Campbell, Richard Baker, Drew McNaughton, Pam Quinn

Agenda:

- FEMA update on town grounds
- Fall Harvest Festival planning
- Ice rink planning
- Support for additional bike trails in Stranahan?
- Thoughts on having a Recreation Planning Committee separate from the Recreation Committee that meets quarterly?
- New initiatives

FEMA Update on OSC Grounds:

- We may receive funding from FEMA to repair the walking path as well as the railroad bed.
- Funding would be for repairs to put everything back to the way it was.
- This could include the bridge on the VAST trail that crosses the river behind the OSC.
- The Recreation Committee would like to be part of these repair discussions.

Ice Rink:

- The picnic shelter is on hold, will be stored until next year until we decide on a proper place for it.
- The area by the parking lot could be leveled by pushing around the dirt/material that is already there. It would take some machinery to do so.
- There was some discussion about having the ice rink in the parking lot towards the back since the lot is already level. We will measure this to see if there is enough space. The dumpsters may need to be moved.
- Drew would like to move the liner to an enclosed space. Margaret will reach out to the Road Crew to see if they have space in the town garage.
- With the current flood damage it was decided to wait to set up the ice rink until next year.

Fall Harvest Festival:

- Sunday, October 1st – 11am – 3pm
- Pickleball, corn hole and badminton will be set up
- Robin will be helping to set up games, etc.

Support for Additional Bike Trails in Stranahan:

- The Recreation Committee supports additional bike trails in Stranahan Town Forest as well as other areas in the town of Marshfield.
- We would recommend avoiding ecologically sensitive areas and support trails that do not have a negative impact on the environment.
- Margaret will draft a letter of support to send.

Recreation Planning Committee:

- Rich asked if we should form another Recreation group, separate from the Recreation Committee that plans for the entire town as the current Recreation Committee has mostly focused on Old Schoolhouse Common initiatives. The Recreation Committee supports one group and broadening

the scope of projects as well as inviting more members to join. In the past, people offer to attend/help but then don't participate.

- Rich is willing to help with grants and funding for bigger projects.
- Rich will work on an action plan for the next meeting in November.
- Margaret will reach out to Sarah Galbraith to see if she has interest in joining.