



May 18, 2021 Pathways Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Quincy Cunningham, Justin Hage, Emily Makinson, Mark McDonald, Craig Melton, Sarah Moore

Also Present: Lance Lantz, Director of Public Works; Amy Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator; Amanda Vela, Public Information Officer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Minutes approved from April 20, 2021 meeting
2. Revisited ideas from previous meeting:
 - Adding Trails to town App
 - "Trailfest"
 - Clean/Bike the Trails days
 - Waterways
 - Bike/Walk friendly designation
 - Pathways accessible for every neighborhood
 - Sponsorship for pathways

What can we accomplish in next 2-5 years? Craig Melton mentioned that Covid relief funds could potentially be used in some way towards pathways.

Other ideas:

Library Partnership: tying trail usage to summer reading program in some way; Little Libraries on Trails, Bookmobile on trails

Trail of lights – Lance Lantz proposed a Corridor of lights somewhere along Rail trail during Winter, perhaps from Starkey Parking lot to the creek. It was suggested this could be done using solar lights and corporate sponsorship.

3. It was agreed upon that "Trailfest" might be the most doable this year. Timeframe for trailfest was discussed. One option was an offshoot of Lions Fall Festival. Lance Lantz suggested October, as during Fall festival it might not get enough attention.

4. Guest Speaker: Lance Lantz

Lance shared how the town looks to include pathways with new large road projects. Biggest challenge involves gaps between new developments where no public land is available to connect paths. Cost is high to acquire the land. Maintaining current pathways through sealing and preserving pavements is costly. Lance thought an “adopt-a-pathway” sponsorship program could help with maintenance, installing benches along paths, mowing, etc.

An Oak Street path from the Village to Whitestown has low feasibility. Even if land was available, this road is a forecasted multi-lane project. Any installed path would need to be removed. Whitestown Rd might be the better option for a cross town pathway.

Lance cited the Templin Road. Bridge as an upcoming pathways project. The county is replacing it with a wider bridge that will include a pedestrian walkway.

5. Date of future meetings was discussed and will be decided over email.

6. Action Items:

- Craig Melton will talk to Mayor Styron about Covid relief funds.
- Sarah Moore will talk to library about opportunities for partnering.
- Follow up with Jarod Logsdon about Winterfest (Ice Skating rink at Mulberry) potential to tie in a corridor of lights with this.
- Craig or Justin to Follow up with Corky Huston (Huston Electric) on Corridor of lights idea.
- Amy to provide town meetings calendar for reference in scheduling future meetings.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be determined via email.

Submitted May 19, 2021

Emily Makinson, Pathways Committee Secretary