

Birchwood Village Lake Links Task Force
(Approved) Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024 7:05 PM to approx 8:05PM

ATTENDEES: Margaret Ford, Jessica Granec*, Karen Freeberg*, Jane Wernet, Mary Cahill, Bryan McGinnis, Ellen Maas Pratt*, Mike Werner. *THANKS
to those who sent documents.

PUBLIC FORUM: No non-members were present

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Minutes of July 11 meeting were approved as submitted by Ellen.
2. Meeting Norms remain as previously approved and documented. Bryan has resumed Secretary duties after being absent in July.

3. Reports from members

A. Jessica reviewed features and estimated costs for several improvements. See <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-la7zFKFgskkEZve-PI7WuhlUplR9oCIYc5Q2lh-sw/edit?usp=sharing> as emailed by Jessica and as revisable document *Possible Improvements 8Aug2024.doc* sent with these minutes. It was understood that final selection of "improvements" will depend on the trail route finally selected.

Comments/Issues by section:

- a. Vegetation near Hall & Jay/Wildwood is a visibility problem. Others include corner of Wildwood & East County Line and stop signs. The Road Safety Task Force has addressed this problem.
- b. Members could not recall any traffic mirrors that exist in neighboring communities. ELLEN WILL SEE IF THE SHERIFF'S DEPT KNOWS OF ANY.
- c. ELLEN WILL DETERMINE IF WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD COST SHARE ON ANY ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN. There was consensus that it would be most cost effective to have a portable sign that could be employed wherever needed. Exiting from driveways is a hazard in many areas.

B. Karen presented what the task force has been mulling over into a proposed agenda for a Public Forum. See: *LAKE LINKS AGENDA FOR PUBLIC FORUM.doc* November 4th was chosen as possible night for the forum. A map with alternate routes should be shown. MARGARET WILL SEE IF VIDEO CAPABILITIES CAN BE USED for map projection, etc. MIKE AND/OR ELLEN MIGHT DO A VIDEO OF TRAVEL ALONG EACH ALTERNATE ROUTE. All identified issues of Safety, Usability, and Feasibility should be presented for consideration by residents who would be requested to vote on the options. No action at all could be a choice. The Task Force will not present a favored option, but will include the public's opinions in selecting the "best" route. Route selection and implementation of improvements will be done later.

C. MARGARET IS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A DEADLINE ON SEEKING AND OBTAINING THE STATE MONEY (\$70K).

D. MARGARET WILL LOOK FOR COST OF IMPROVING EXISTING SHOULDER SURFACE ON HALL UP TO JAY.

4. Wish List: See item 3 A. above

5. Plan for Public Forum See item 3B above.

6. Proposed date for Public Forum: November 4. 2024

Adjournment by consensus.

Submitted by: Bryan McGinnis

Additional documents to be included as part of the minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-la7zFKFgskkEZve-PI7WuhlUplR9oCIYc5Q2lh-sw/edit?usp=sharing>

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