

Osawatomie Trails Task Force

June 5, 2019

Osawatomie Trails Task Force met at 5:00 pm on June 5, 2019, in the conference room at Osawatomie City Hall. Members present were Jeff Dorsett, Mark Fuchs, Hitomi Lamirande, and George Pretz. Also present was scribe Karen LaDuex.

Due to the absence of a quorum, the minutes of the May 1 meeting were neither read nor approved. For the same reason the members present were unable to consider any business of the task force in an official manner. Therefore what ensued was an informal discussion.

Beginning with **Acquisitions/Property**, committee member Jeff Dorsett reported that the platting, purchase, and transfer of deed for the Ross property had been completed. The group noted that Doug Walker had commenced clearing the property. The group was informed that culvert design has been augmented. Constructing the portion of the trail between the present trail end on the west to the trailhead on the east, including culvert construction and drainage ditch crossing, is estimated to require 20 days of worktime and will commence in July and extend into August. It was also noted that USD 367 is scheduled to approve trail easement across its property.

Next **Finance/Fundraising** was considered. Osawatomie Trails Task Force was awarded an Attractions grant in the amount of \$35,500 by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The award of the grant carried with it the stipulation that for five years Osawatomie Trails Task Force must advertise in Kansas Tourism and Department of Wildlife magazines. Members were asked to be on the alert for Sunflower Foundation's request for proposals with regard to grant opportunities. Dorsett offered to contact the following entities to solicit donations toward the trail's completion: Advent Health Shawnee Mission, Miami County Medical Center, Olathe Medical Center and St. Luke's Health System as well as First Option Bank.

Funding Contributions

Attractions Grant	\$ 35,500
Total Cash Funds	\$164,666

Finally, **Promotion/Communications** committee member Hitomi Lamirande noted that a rough draft of the Task Force brochure has been completed. She went on to say that 8 ½" x 14" brochures are available from Vista Print at a cost of 100 for \$70, 250 for \$154 and 500 brochures for \$234. The group suggested ordering 100 brochures at a cost of \$70. It was mentioned that the committee is still in need of drone pictures of the project. Lamirande also stated that donors at or above a designated level will be recognized in some way and that their names will be visible at the trailhead.

The meeting was adjourned with no action taken.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

5:00 pm

Osawatomie City Hall Conference Room