

Osawatomi Trails Task Force

September 4, 2019

Osawatomi Trails Task Force met at 5:00 pm on September 4, 2019, in the conference room at Osawatomi City Hall. Members present were Jeff Dorsett, Mark Fuchs, Hitomi Lamirande, Doug Walker, and Jeff Walmann. Also present was scribe Karen LaDuex.

The minutes of the April meeting and the meeting notes of the May, June and August meetings were approved.

Beginning with **Acquisitions/Property**, Walmann called on Walker who reported all clearing that can be accomplished by volunteers has been completed. He went on to note that the two most easternmost drainage tubes in Phase 1 have been installed. A permanent road around the bridge site, which will provide access to maintenance vehicles and emergency vehicles that cannot cross the proposed pedestrian bridge, is being constructed of AB3 base and is eight to 10 feet wide. A low water bridge will be constructed on the access road.

Pedestrian bridge options were discussed. Walker was charged with the responsibility of getting detailed information, including costs, for available steel arch pedestrian bridges. The group favored the arch bridges because they complement the two historic Marsh arch bridges in Osawatomi listed on the National Register of Historic Places. One half of the cost of the bridge can be submitted for reimbursement from the state as a result of our having been awarded a Kansas Attractions grant.

Walker noted that seeding from the eastern start point to the drainage ditch will commence. He stated the need for both donated hay to cover the seeded area as well as volunteer labor to seed the grass and spread the hay.

Next **Finance/Fundraising** was considered. Osawatomi Trails Task has a balance of \$172,166. Task Force members were reminded that neither the \$25,000 designated for trail expenditures by the city nor the \$60,000 pledged by Greater Osawatomi is included in the balance.

Dorsett said that he is awaiting definitive answers regarding possible donations from Miami County Medical Center and the county's Edward Jones financial advisors. He will contact Advent and St. Luke's in pursuit of donations.

With regard to **Promotion/Communications**, an opportunity exists to promote the completion of the trail and the establishment of the trailhead in Osawatomi at Rush the Rails on October 5. The group noted that the ride begins in Osawatomi early on Saturday morning and that events, including dinner, could be planned for the Friday evening immediately preceding the ride.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: **5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 6, 2019**
Osawatomi City Hall Conference Room