

Minutes for Bike/Pedestrian Trail Committee 10/21/24

A meeting for the Bike/Pedestrian Trail committee was held on 10/21/24 at 7:00 Pm. Polk County Engineer, Rich Sanders, joined us via phone and informed the committee that he had Widseth working on the plans for the bike path along Hwy 12 from Maple Bay to the Pavilion on the high side of the ditch. This construction should happen in 2026. He also let us know that he had applied for a grant for \$500,000 from the Transportation Alternative grants through the MN DOT. He should hear if we will receive that grant by January or February.

The committee talked about the trail around the rest of the lake and the consensus was to work on getting a grant for the trail from the Pavilion to Mentor after the grant for Phase 1 is approved. They did discuss preliminary locations for the trail, and if there were any grants for non-highway trails, and thought about other grant options, but will discuss this more at the next meeting. We were told that maybe the NW Regional Development Commission could help draw plans for additional trails.

Rich Sanders was asked about grants for maintenance of the trail and he said that he didn't know of any at this time, but the most maintenance would be filling the cracks in the asphalt and the county has a contract to fill cracks on Hwy 12 every 3 years and he thought that maybe we could have it done at the same time for minimal money

Those in attendance were:

- Mike Moore
- Bonnie Abel
- Adelle Christianson
- Donna Christianson
- Randy Scheving
- Cecily McGlynn
- John Golden
- Erin Jore
- Rich Sander via phone