

HORC - 5/22 meeting minutes

Call to order - 6:34

Attendees: Jim, Dave Maher, Sarah Alvestad, Ryan Shaughnessy, Dan Ganzer, Jeff Rath, Mark Pawlak, Dennis Voleterel, Greg Vavra

Motion to approve minutes - Brian - approved

Chairman comments

Cleanup occurred, chips were dumped

Biker fell in big crack, was filled, rained again and washed out again, so a 10" Colvert put in where trail washed out

Action items

- A. Conservation or Citgo couldn't make it today - someone should reach out to see if they have enough information to put in for another grant and coordination with the Forge
 - a. Mark will reach out to George
 - b. Dan will be traveling to Europe and will be out of town(7th-25th)
 - c. The commission desired to clean up the banks of the canal as part of the Citgo grant ideally in full or at least 50% with the other 50% continuing where they cleaned up this year.

B. Canal planning

- a. 4 fountain bubblers were ordered last week, new wires may need to be pulled

C. Boat launch

Sarah tried to get together with Jason and George, but Sarah had a phone conversation with Jason. The largest concern was the liability for the launch. Bill Boyd at DNR. The area is unique and no one could come up with past precedence for managing that property. Jason believes it is IDOT, which may be difficult.

We are using the term boat launch but should be coined canoe launch.

It paired nicely with the pedestrian bike bridge.

Jason asked if there was interest in the Cal Sag area, but Sarah didn't think this was as desirable.

Can we improve the area we currently have and use? The area is steep and water rushes through and fluctuates.

Signage falls on the municipality.

Can we just put gravel down in the current area?

There was discussion near underneath 355 bridge.

Who maintains Centennial trail? - Cook County

355 area is aesthetically better due to the natural state.

Sarah will do more research on areas to try to see who owns what.

Jason has Sidwell data to determine ownership.

There is grant money to buy or build money that is reviewed by Army Corp of Engineers, DNR and IDOT. Sarah will look into this further.

Liability seems to be the biggest concern for the project.

Companies that rent canoes and Kayaks may be interested in helping clean up the area.

Drone footage

The footage has not been presented to the village yet due to heavy agendas.

Unfinished business:

Forge - In May went to planning and zoning and received approval with a recommendation. Forge went in front of the village and thought it should be B4 zoning(park) The entire quarry would all shift to B4.

In COW, the Forge Phil Cullen owns property West, East is owned by Bill Brennan and they are in dispute for R6 to put condos in and challenged it.

The Forge is looking to get in front of P&Z for B4 in June so that they can purchase the steel. Mainstreet was a temporary PUD.

It is currently zoned for condos.

Village website has the tower details. Contracts are almost done with the township.

Special meeting needs to be called since COW contracts haven't been reviewed. Also, zoning needs to be addressed.

The discussion to see if there is a natural spring between Pollyanna and KA Steel to see if it could be used for flowing water into the canal.

Dan on Sunday went for a run west on the trail until he got to a gate that said do not enter. Citgo had the property and there was an easement that Com Ed has fixed up. Dan saw the Asian Carp building. You can get all the way to 135th street. Recommended to set up a time with Jason to see whose property is along 135th.

It isn't clear how far west the easement on the canal goes.

Ryan Shaughnessy - asked if it makes sense to have signs to identify plants in the Quarry area. The conservation group may be interested in helping with this and the village could assist with creating signs.

There was a request to have members of the commission to get official Commission laminated cards.

Motion to adjourn - Sarah - seconded by Dennis - 7:33