

Report of the **Town Wilson Long Range Plan [LRP] Ad Hoc Committee** meeting held Monday, August 22, 2011 in the Town Wilson Office Building. Agenda for this meeting was posted at the TW Office, TW Maintenance Building and TW Fire Department on Tuesday August 15, 2011 between the hours of 9: and 10:am.

Meeting convened at 6:30pm. Present: Co-Chairs Bob Werner and Marge Pearce. Kevin Struck – UW Extension. Michael Bergin, Jane Kettler, Rich Ternes, Gerry Bertsch, and Larry Pearce.

**Topic: ‘Green spaces’, Parks, Bike Trails and Places of Interest.**

**Review Town properties map 11.2 of LRP.**

**Index town-owned parcels**

**Identify marked Bike Trail**

**Stewardship Fund. Can we benefit for upgrades? – Bob Werner**

Agenda packet included maps of the ‘Public and Community Facilities’ and ‘Park and Recreation Facilities’ from the LRP; a map of existing and proposed Bike Trails ; and, a list of the Parks, Natural Green Space areas, Cemeteries and Places of Interest as compiled by Pearce from various sources. Pearce stated she would like to see the Task Team develop a 12”x18” map with the aforementioned list numbered and identified in a side bar as a handout to visitors, new residents, etc..

Park and Forestry members present (Kettler and Bertsch) would like to have an expanded inventory listing of the parcels for their purposes as well as the hand-out. Werner suggested the handout be available at the State Park, town office, and other sites visited by bicyclists and hikers.

Struck had prepared a computerized preliminary map, with the parcels identified, which he displayed on a screen. The list was reviewed and corrections were made. It was noted several parcels on the original list are not truly ‘public’ or user friendly and should not be included on the hand-out map. It was determined the marked bike trail through the town should be highlighted in some manner. Struck will prepare a draft for the September meeting

Currently the town-owned parcels have signage posted indicating location; a few have names or plaques. New signs are in the process of being made for installation at the two town cemeteries. *It is recommended Park and Forestry erect a second sign for the Wilderness Park (aka Ruth Balzer-Schmitt Memorial Forest) pointing out trail entrances on both the east and west side of Black River.*

Werner stated the County Committee has determined Stewardship Fund applications will be reviewed once-a-year in the spring versus the fall and spring review done in prior years. This will give TW opportunity to consider possible benefits and prepare a grant application.

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2011. Discussed will be the Victor Gruber Memorial Park with play area and Bell Tower Park (located at the fire house) on Evergreen Drive. Currently there are concerns about the age and condition of the equipment, location and safety. Black River Advancement Association, instrumental in the development of these parks, will be invited.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

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