



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Present: Rod Marlatt, Kenny Slocum, Larry Stone, Sharon Harris, Marty Stanbrough (Partial Meeting), Bob Hendrickson, Aimee Hilgerson & Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Dina Taylor (alt.), Jenna Pollock (alt.), Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), & Matt McElree

*Note: No current representative has been appointed by the Clayton County Supervisors to serve on the TRRC board.

Others Present: Mallory Hanson and Zackary (the cat)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Rod Marlatt.

**Motion to approve the agenda by Harris, second by Slocum. Approved.

**Motion to approve the July 2020 minutes by Hilgerson, second by Stone. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The Board discussed updates on the Elkader Community Visioning (design workshop took place Friday, July 31st at Keystone Park), Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (no new updates), Motor Mill Trail (Construction to begin by August 17th), Pony Hollow Trail (SRT grant is pending), and Clermont Dam Mitigation (The field survey has been completed and that information has been incorporated into preliminary drawings. The HEC-RAS model is in progress – once completed, model scenarios will be run to start development of the concepts).

Grant Updates: The City of Clermont did not receive an HRDP grant for the Larrabee School windows. The Clayton County Conservation Board has not yet been informed of the State Recreational Trails grant decision. Hanson updated the board on a potential Fayette County Community Foundation Grant for the City of Clermont for park improvements. The UMGC grant for Turkey River 360 video and water trail guide reprint is still in progress (due August 31).

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the July 2020 report.

Clermont: The city is discussing multiple parks & rec projects along with needs for a new firetruck and street improvements.

Elgin: The city is seeing an increase in river and trail use and looking into speed reduction strategies for streets near playgrounds and parks.

Elkader: Elkader's Cultural and Entertainment District status was renewed and the City is looking into the potential for a safety cable above the dam (much like the cable in Waverly, Iowa).

Motor Mill: Silt removal has taken place (see attached photo presentation) and electricity will soon be available in the Mill.

Supervisors: No update.

Conservation: Interpretive signs along Pony Hollow Trail were replaced and new signage for the Osborne Disc Golf Course will soon be installed.

Minor trail widening will occur at Clermont along with the road resurfacing project. New interpretive signs are in the design phase for the trail between Clermont and Elgin. A new playscape is complete with interactive activities at Gilbertsons. A new dock with a kayak launch was installed at the Gilbertson Lake. Fayette Co. Conservation is working on a property acquisition to add 66 acres to the Gilbertson Complex.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30pm. Location TBD.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm by Harris, second by Hilgerson. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson