

Active Living Committee  
February 14, 2018 9 AM

Members Present: Ann Trebesch, Carrie McDermott, Steve Nepl, Shawn Roberts, Reed Johnson, Lori Gefre, Kris Karlgaard, Joel Hoistad, and Neil Crocker.

#### Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Approval of Minutes: Ann offered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris.

#### Safe Routes to School Grant Update:

Shawn and Renae went to West Central Initiative Group in January and presented details regarding the Breckenridge Safe Routes to School project. The group had good questions and discussion regarding the project. The committee should be informed the end of March on the status of receiving the grant.

#### Highway 75 Bike/Pedestrian Path Update:

Possible ribbon cutting in June.

Renae is working on grant(s) for lighting. This addition to the trail would be approximately \$70,000. This is the cost for the poles, LED lights, transformers, burying lines and all other necessary items. The poles would begin at the Blazer and go north, and placement would be 150 feet apart. There is currently lighting from the Blazer going south to Veterans Park.

##### a. Signs

Lori will order the two Bremer mile marker recognition signs (green 6"x8"). Joel walked the trail to determine where the ¾ mile markers should be placed. The trail is about 1.68 miles, so the "Start", "3/4 mile" and "1.5 mile" signs will be placed on 6 poles in the appropriate locations vs. only having 3 poles, double sided. Accurate mileage for walkers and runners is important, so we want to be as precise as possible with signage.

##### b. Recognition Board

Committee decided on the large, double sided message board. Items for display on sign: large map of Breckenridge with trails and distance, donation recognition listing, exercises/stretches, and area events (example: 5k, triathlon, National Night Out, etc.) Cost for the sign is \$1,338.85 plus freight; Neil is going to check into having the street guys possibly make the sign instead, depending on the cost for materials. Placement of this board is to be determined. Shawn is going to visit with Summerville and Brian Nepl regarding possibly placing this board on/along their property, and what their future plans are for their land right along the trail. These locations would be great for "the hub" or starting point of the trail; parking is available here and it has good visibility from the highway.

Items for Spring: Placement of benches and plaques, placement of mile markers, placement of Message Board, newspaper article and ribbon cutting (program)

Items on hold: Lighting and Doggy Waste Stations

#### New Project

##### a. Pickle Ball

Neil informed the committee of preliminary plans to transform a portion of the tennis courts by the High School into five or six pickle ball courts and keep one tennis court. He is compiling cost estimates at this time. This would be a great asset to add to Breckenridge. Pickle ball is a sport

for all ages. More information on this project to come. This would be a great thing to add to the Breckenridge Parks and Recreation summer program.

~An idea was mentioned to have a Disc Golf Tournament (9 holes in Wahpeton, 9 holes in Breckenridge) on Blue Goose Days to possibly raise some money for ALC and to make people aware of Disc Golf in Welles Memorial Park.

~Jefferson Park will be getting new movable pitching mounds. This will hopefully help in getting different age baseball teams to Breckenridge for tournaments.

### Other Business

#### a. Brochure

The committee suggested adding more action photos and making the headings more noticeable.

#### Survey

The committee suggested changing the title of the survey to Active Living Committee Survey for Recreation and Parks. Ann will put the survey on "Survey Monkey" for ALC, so there is no limit to the number of questions asked or the number of surveys completed, and a comment box can be added. The Survey Monkey link will be added to the City's and ALC Facebook pages, City's website, and emailed out to area business (ask them to forward onto their staff). Paper copies of the survey will be placed at Family Community Center, Library and Senior Center and will go out in the Breckenridge Public Utilities March billing. Add a comment to the paper copies that if you would prefer to fill out the survey electronically, go to the City's website; also add information regarding where to return the survey to and the deadline date.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:00 AM at City Hall.