

# Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

March 18, 2010

The BPAC - Regional Trail Subcommittee met at 7:00 PM Thursday March 18, 2010 at The Byron City Hall at 680 Byron Main Court NE Byron, MN 55920 507 775-3400

In attendance were: David Sletten – Byron Parks, Joel Wager – MnDNR, Matt Nepstad & a neighbor – Land Owners, John Dinusson & Dave Rossman – BPAC Members.

**General:** The committee agreed to rename itself to “**Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group**”. This will help distinguish our efforts from the other two trail committees in the County. We welcomed two new members who came to the meeting as a result of their attending the Open House Events held in February. There were other attendees at the open house event who also expressed interest in joining our group. The chair person is looking for someone to develop a History of our meetings, newspaper articles, open houses, etc. Is anyone interested in this task?

We continued our discussion of the Stagecoach Trail through Kalmar Township. The DNR is still accepting comments on the Master Plan. Comments can be sent to Joel Wagar at [Joel.Wagar@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:Joel.Wagar@dnr.state.mn.us)

He stated the following attendance at the Public Open House presentations.

Segment	Date	Location	Attendance
Olmsted County	2-18-2010	Byron City Hall	50
Dodge County	2-22-2010	Mantorville	75
Steele County	2-24-2010	Owatonna	50

The attendance was strong and the numbers listed do not include staff from the MnDNR nor do they include people who attended more than one event, like Dick Leonard, Grumpy Sell and I. 67 questionnaires were received and are being sorted. The results will eventually be posted.

**Trails Planning Resources:** Dave R presented a document called “A Guide to Planning Trails in New York State”, that was obtained from the ROCOG staff. An e-file of this document is available for those interested. Joel mentioned that similar information is available from the MnDNR website.

**Discussion with Byron Officials:** Dave S. reported continued strong interest from the community in having the Stagecoach Trail close to Byron, along with a stub connection to Oxbow Park. He has discussed the stub connection with the Park staff and has received a positive feedback. The Oxbow staff recently presented a “Position Paper” on the Stagecoach Trail to the Byron City Council. Dave R stated that the City of Byron is pursuing a Legacy Grant for a trail connection from the City to the Stagecoach Trail. Dave will provide copies for the study group’s information. Dave R encouraged the Byron Park Board to send their trail plan to ROCOG for inclusion in the County Transportation Plan update.

Look to the Action items for your assignments. Continue to review the routes discussed in the field

The next meeting will be at the Byron City Hall on 4-15-2010 at 7:00 PM.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Read and comment on Section 3 of the Stagecoach Master Plan. Send comments to Joel.
2. Walk, ride or drive the alternate routes that we have been looking at.
3. Look for and invite new members.
4. Mark the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on your calendar – our next meeting
5. Go for a bike ride somewhere!

Prepared by David Rossman  
Chair of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group