

Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

April 15, 2010

The Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group met at 7:00 PM Thursday April 15, 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, Milo Bjerke & wife – Land Owners, and Dan Nichols – Byron Sportsman's Club, Dick Leonard – DCTA, Dave Rossman – BPAC Members.

General: We welcomed Dan Nichols – Byron Sportsman's Club who came to the meeting. They will be sending a letter to the committee concerning their property. The chair person is looking for members to fill the following roles; Historian, Public Relations, and Searcher. Is anyone interested in these tasks?

Tour: Milo Bjerke has offered to guide a tour along the west and north edge of Oxbow Park on Saturday 4-17-2010 at 4:00 PM starting at his home at CR 5 & 55th Street NW.

Master Plan Discussion: The DNR is still accepting comments on the Master Plan. Comments can be sent to Joel Wagar at Joel.Wagar@dnr.state.mn.us. Joel presented a 10-page listing of comments received from the public during the Open House Events. These will be posted on the DNR website shortly. The DNR is conducting internal review of the Master Plan and will be scheduling a Public Hearing with a 30-day comment period. During that time the Master Plan will be posted on the website.

Discussion with Byron Officials: Dave S. reported that the City of Byron is pursuing a Legacy Grant for a trail connection from the high school to Oxbow Park. They have also scheduled a SHIP Walk-ability Study and are planning a community garden for 2010. Joel commented that the City and Oxbow Park would compete highly for additional state grant money for Park acquisition.

Rochester End: Dave R reported that trail plans near Rochester are available and should be shown on our study plans. Sources such as the City's CIP, ROCOG's Transportation Plan and Developers General Development Plans are available.

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

No meeting scheduled for May!

The next meeting will be at the Byron City Hall on 6-17-2010 at 7:00 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Read the Public Comment Summary and send comments to Joel.
2. Attend the tour.
3. Look for and invite new members.
4. Mark the June 17th meeting on your calendar – our next meeting
5. Go for a bike ride somewhere!

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Chair of Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group