

Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group

October 21, 2010

The Olmsted County Stagecoach Trail Study Group met at 7:00 PM Thursday October 21 18, 2010 at The Byron City Hall at 680 Byron Main Court NE Byron, MN 55920 507 775-3400

In attendance were: David Senjem – MN Senator, David Sletten – Byron Parks, Joel Wagar – MnDNR, Kevin Crilly – Olmsted County Parks, Barb Parrington – citizen, John Dinusson & Dave Rossman – BPAC Members.

General Committee Business: We conducted an introduction and went thru the email list for group members and added several names. It was suggested to add the Rochester Post Bulletin to our distribution list as more folks read that newspaper as compared to the Byron paper. We updated the study schedule through February 2011.

Trail Planning: We continued our discussion of the Stagecoach Trail through Kalmar Township. The DNR is still accepting comments through October 29th on the Master Plan. Comments can be sent to Joel Wagar at Joel.Wagar@dnr.state.mn.us Joel presented an update Segment 1 drawing that now shows the planned trails near Rochester. He will seek the same type of information from Byron. We suggested adding historical site such as old one-room school houses and something for "Bear Grove" the original name for the City of Byron. There is still not much available on the original routes of the stagecoaches.

The MN/DNR will be holding the final Open House sometime early 2011. Prior to that we should return to the Kalmar Township Board and the Olmsted County Park Board and report on the progress to date. We need to start thinking about a preferred route.

It was suggested to start creating some public display boards that would show the Segment 1 map and contact information for our study group. Local businesses such as The Bear's Den, Otto's Bakery, Market Place, City Hall and the High School would all be ideal locations.

Trails Planning Resources: Members should continue to look at the MN/DNR website for other trail master plans.

Discussion with Byron Officials: Dave S. reported on the Healthy Living Workshop that was held in Byron recently. See previous meeting minutes to details.

DCTA: There was no report but we need to ask permission to show their preferred alignment on our Segment 1 Study Map.

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 11-18-2010 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. Take photos of interesting areas.
3. Look for and invite new members.
4. Go for a bike ride somewhere!

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