

# Milwaukee County Trails Council

## Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2012

- ❑ Attendance: Keith Holt, Harold Schmidt, Barb Barbian, Melissa Cook, Mike Bonk, Chris Squires, Jessica Binder, Jim Marks, Jim Doornek, Angie Tornes, Jeff Weiss, Sophia Steck
- ❑ Approval of Minutes
- ❑ Previous items:
  - Status of Council Member Appointment –
    - Members appointed by County Board Chairwoman
      - ❑ Supervisor Steve Taylor
      - ❑ Keith Holt
    - Members appointed by County Executive
      - ❑ Chris Kegel
      - ❑ Brian Russart
      - ❑ Ramsey Radakovich
      - ❑ Mike Bonk
      - ❑ Jill Organ
    - DNR Representative – Melissa Cook
    - DOT Representative – Chris Squires
    - The Park People – Cheri Briscoe
    - Bike Fed – Harold Schmidt
    - (Metro/IMBA) – Marty Weigel
    - Wisconsin Walkers – Jeff Weiss
    - City of Milwaukee – Vacant Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator
    - Advisory Members
      - ❑ Jim Marks
      - ❑ Angie Tornes
  - Comments on “Forked Aster Trail System Handbook”
    - According to Harold-Appendix 5 and trail structures are not current, and should be updated to reflect new procedures.
    - Need to have more signage along trail-construction methods need to be amended (comment about Estabrook having poor signage- (small blue sign not enough)
    - In Forked Aster document, Appendix 7, should include contenders for forked aster designation, not only existing trails.
  - Comments on Off-Road Bicycling Designation Procedures
    - Does the name need to be broadened?
    - Need to talk about title at a later meeting. Title should be updated and more inclusive (i.e. ordinance prohibits children on the trail...)
    - It should include all trails, not just off-road bicycling.
    - The procedures are being formulated based off a MC ordinance to designate Off-Road Bicycling.

- Comment on Draft of New Bylaws – Not ready for review
  - Council members would like an electronic copy of by-laws
  - Comments to laws by Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.
  
- New Items:
  - Distribute revisions to Milwaukee County Trails Council Bylaws
  
  - Trail Etiquette Concerns – Proper speed, yielding to slow users
    - People have been complaining about speed differences
      - Need increased signage?
      - Line down center of trail? (Striped line, rather than solid line to allow passing)
    - Old sections of Oak Leaf are 8ft, where other are 10-12ft.
    - How do we alleviate this distance issue, mile markers?
    - Narrower/Busy portions more dangerous.
    - Focus attention and funding towards hot spots...10 miles by the east side
    - Educational outreach -let users know the rules; get their attention in a non-threatening, pushy way.
    - Sub-committee possibility
    - Bike Fed may have some programs to help but Involvement from all council groups would help. “Ride Right”, Ambassador, Share and Beware.
    - Make flyers, using simple graphics about the importance of trail etiquette awareness. Give away when buying a bike, runners, dog-related places, park people events...etc.
    - Give surveys to public. Opportunity for other questions to be asked as well from people who use the park system...
  
- Action items for next meeting:
  - Comments on by laws
  - Comments on off-road designation
  - Council member appointments
  - Ideas for sub-committees (categories)
  
- Announcements:
  - Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – County Executive will release his 2013 Budget
  - New ASHTO Guide is out
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> – Fed Fest
  - October 15 - Milwaukee River Greenway Forum – Gordon Park Pavilion  
6:30 – 9 pm
  - Rideshare - [rideshare.wi.gov](http://rideshare.wi.gov)
  
- Next Meeting:
  - November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:00 AM
  - Parks Administration Building  
9480 Watertown Plank Rd  
Wawautosa, WI 53226