February 11, 2014

MEETING AGENDA

Reading and approval of December 4th, 2013 minutes

Presentations

None

Old Business

1. Introduction of new DPS staff coordinator – Brian Jeeves

2. Member replacement update

3. Meeting dates for 2014

4. Guidelines update – Continue review of comments on Guidelines

New Business

Pooles Store----Presentation scheduled for March 25th 2014

Trail surfaces – Possible presentation by Parks Department.

Next Meeting:

Next formal mtg Tues, February 25, 2014
Approved Minutes

Meeting of February 11th, 2014

Attendees:

M-NCPPC member: Leslie Saville
DPS Staff coordinator: Jay Beatty & Brian Jeeves (Coordinator to be)

Voting Members present:
Marc Miller
Christopher Marston
Eric Spates
Jane Thompson
Greg Deaver

Voting Members Absent:
Greg Glenn
Angela Butler

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes
The December 4th, 2013 minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Member Replacement

Jay introduced Brian Jeeves as his replacement as staff coordinator. Brian works in the right of way section of DPS reviewing record plats. Brian gave an overview of his background. The Comm welcomes Brian.

Eric Spates and Greg Glenn’s positions are still being advertised. No replacements have been found to date, Eric may know some suitable candidates. It was requested that the DPS staff coordinator forward the listing to the committee so they could circulate it.
Presentations: None

Rustic Roads Guidelines –

The Comm had a lengthy discussion on the proposed draft of the Guidelines (Manual). Much of the time was spent reviewing and approving (or deciding to withhold approval for further discussion) on some of the working groups recommendations.

Much of the discussion centered on the response to the comments transmitted from the AAC regarding revising the Exec Regs in lieu of implementing the Guidelines and questioning whether or not the Comm has the authority to develop such a document (the Guidelines).

Various parts of the Guidelines were discussed. Eric presented some comments on the farming community’s concern regarding the word vistas and a discussion ensued.

The Comm decided that it would continue the use of a sub-group to work solely on the Guidelines as time allows.

Public Awareness – nothing to report

Correspondence – nothing to report

New Business –

Eric talked about the condition of some of the roads in the County especially River Road, White Ground and Wasche Road. Maintenance is needed to fix the pot holes and attention should be given to the drainage on White Ground where water is collecting on the road.
It was decided that the DPS staff coordinator would forward the concerns to the DOT rep.

Leslie mentioned that Poole’s Store will be undergoing a renovation as a Parks Dept project and that they were looking to rent the property to a small business. The impact this would have on the road in front of the store was discussed and if Park and Planning felt that the local population could sustain a store in that area.
It was discussed whether the Comm would like a presentation on trails and trail surfaces to be done by the Parks Department to possibly assist with the “pedestrian” projects presented for Comm reviews. It was decided that the DPS staff coordinator would contact parks for a possible presentation at a future date as time allows.

The RRAC meeting dates were discussed for the year and approved pending conference room availability, it was requested that a reminder which included the minutes and agenda be sent out one week prior to the meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next RRAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb the 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Rockville. (This will be a full meeting with the emphasis being on the Manual, if limited progress is made then the small working group will reconvene).

MINUTES APPROVED: