

**Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC)
April 6, 2016, 11:30am – 1:30pm
By teleconference**

1. Meeting was called to order by Dana Johnson. Members in attendance: Dana Johnson, Debbie Peterson, Geoff Snudden, Bill Hauda, Rod Bartlow, Joel Patenaude, Anne Murphy, Dave Phillips. Staff: Jill Mrotek-Glencinski (Department of Transportation), Brigit Brown (Department of Natural Resources).
2. Meeting minutes from January 13, 2016 were approved.
3. Committee Chair Reports.
 - a. **Funding.** Bill Hauda reported that Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin policy committee will be meeting May 21 in La Crosse at the Bike Summit and may discuss funding. Hauda provided updates on local Madison projects.
 - b. **Outreach.** Joel Patenaude noted that the NRTTC Facebook page needs attention, sent out 30-40 invites to like the NRTTC page. Patenaude and Johnson will continue working on the QR code for the NRTTC.
 - c. **Education.** There was no education report.
4. **Agency Report.** Brigit Brown provided information about the DNR's new pesticide use policy and an update on the prescribed burn policy currently in progress. Brown also provided an overview of the DNR's cooperative trail program including determining or changing trail uses. Dave Phillips noted that there has been controversy on the Gandy Dancer State Trail in Polk County where existing users feel that new proposed ATV use will negatively impact existing users. Debbie Peterson is involved in that issue and, along with Phillips, will provide additional information on the situation.

Cameron Bump, acting Chief of the Recreation Planning and Development Section of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the DNR's Strategic Alignment effort. The first steps of this effort involved identifying and analyzing the core work of the department. Next steps being currently undertaken look at ways to efficiently accomplish the identified core work. Various teams are currently looking at a number of specific areas in which the department is involved including Recreation and Law Enforcement. Feedback on the department's alignment effort may be provided by email: DNRFWPCWA@wisconsin.gov.

Rod Bartlow suggested that NRTTC may want to assign leads to review DNR master plans for information to provide to NRTTC. Bartlow agreed to head up such a committee. Dave Phillips and Bill Hauda will also be involved.

Brown said that she would provide a list of the properties currently undergoing master plan efforts about which the NRTTC may be particularly interested (some of which may be repeats of information already sent to NRTTC members), with hyperlinks directly to information about each effort. Each web page provides the name of the person heading up the planning effort who may be contacted with questions or for more information.

- [Northern State Forests](#) – specific to [motorized road access](#) and land classifications
- [Lower Wisconsin State Riverway](#)
- [Door County Planning Group](#)
- [Rib Mountain State Park](#) - specific to expansion of Granite Peak Ski Area
- [Southern Kettle Moraine Waters](#)
- [Link](#) to all master plans and master plan amendments underway on DNR lands.

Brown said that the [proposed administrative code updates](#) previously discussed and provided to the council (email to NRTTC member 03/16/2016) were still going before the Natural Resources Board at their next meeting, but would likely not be reviewed by the legislature (and subsequently enacted) until sometime next year. These proposals include provision to allow electric bicycles on linear state trails. Brown provided a summary of that current language.

Brown reminded the council that funding was an important issue for nonmotorized trails. Dave Phillips will lead a discussion at the June NRTTC meeting about funding.

Jill Mrotek-Glenzinski reminded council members about the [Teaching Safe Bicycling trainings](#) (email to NRTTC members 03/21/2016 with details); Johnson noted the value of the trainings.

5. Anne Murphy provided information about the June 15-18 Trail Master training that will be held in Dodgeville. Attendees will graduate with a greater knowledge and understanding of current trail design and construction techniques. Each day of the training will have a classroom component (at the DNR office building in Dodgeville, 1500 N Johns Street) and hands-on application (at Governor Dodge State Park). Topics such as water regulations and ADA compliance will also be covered. The

registration fee for the training (\$500) will be covered by the sponsors for Wisconsin-based public trail volunteers and public land managers.

6. Bill Hauda noted that DNR rail trails have different ownerships and that the council should know the status. Brown will provide a link to a document with that information. ([Link to document](#), see column titled "Ownership".)
7. Hauda stated that he did not feel the responses received from DNR and WisDOT legal were sufficient and suggested that the council pursue the next avenue agreed upon at the January meeting, to request an opinion from the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. No objections from council members.
8. Future agenda items/tasks:
 - a. Patenaude and Johnson will create an NRTTC QR code
 - b. Master plan review committee will report
 - c. Discussion on electric/motorized bicycles
9. Meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.
10. Next meeting Wednesday, June 15, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Schmeckle Reserve, Stevens Point