

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, August 6, 2024
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 10am
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 10am. Present were Chairman Robert Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Bjork and 2 others.

Develop a plan for the Hiking/biking trail – Jon Schubbe, engineer from Schubbe Consulting located in MI, presented some preliminary information for the development of a walking/hiking/biking trail to be connected long term to neighboring townships. He presented crush rock trails, which would allow for other users than just mountain biking with a width of the trail to be 8’ to 12’. The trail would go along County Highway M from Frels Road to Namakagon Sunset Road with Garmisch Road as an alternate trail (Phase 1), Dam Road from County Hwy M to Crystal Lake Road and Namakagon Sunset Road from County Hwy M to Garden Lake Road (Phase 2), and then Frels Road from County Hwy M to the town line and Crystal Lake Road from Dam Rd to town line (Phase 3). There would be a more expensive addition to have a chip seal surface which would make it an all-weather trail. The next step would be to contact Bayfield County, Forest Service and Xcel Energy for support. It was noted that if the trail would need to cross the road, there would need to be crosswalks installed for safety purposes. The cost of the trail will be between \$75,000 and \$125,000 per mile, depending on the layout of the land. Grants would be pursued for the trail, specifically through the DNR Rec Program. An in person meeting was set for August 19th 9am to 11am for a VIP Tour of the proposed routes for the trail system. Jon Schubbe will also be scouting the routes on August 20th as well to get an idea of the layout of the land. The Forest Service and Bayfield County will be invited to the Tour on August 19th.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Conditional Use Permit for Hilltop Hideaway LLC for a 2-unit short term rental to the property located at 44600 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – This is a second house that is being added as a Short-Term Rental that already exists on the property. All the parking will be off street. The Plan Commission had no concerns with the recommendation. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the recommendation because it complies with the Comp Plan contingent on compliance with the town Rental Ordinance #41. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk