

HILLSDALE HAMLET COMMITTEE NOTES

Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 9:30 am

Attendance: Robina Ward, Kelly Fox, Jeff Paige, Mike Stertz, Bart Ziegler, Joan Wallstein, Tom Carty

1. Minutes from April 16 meeting were approved.
2. Sidewalk Project and Street Lighting Update – Robina Ward
 - a. GPI engineering firm final report went to DOT; DOT returned questions and GPI has answered.
 - b. It has just been determined that current DOT street lights and wood poles on South side of 23 will remain; therefore the new street lighting will be on the north side only and in Collin Park.
 - c. We are investigating whether the smaller number of street lights will mean that there will be enough funds to allow DOT to install ‘stub-ups’ to hold the lights instead of just conduit.
 - d. Bid documents and construction start will be delayed; it is possible that construction start will now be spring 2017.
 - e. Bid documents will specify project end date. Expect 6-8 weeks of construction.
 - f. Effort is under way to seek a state grant to pay for the street lights.
3. Town Branding Initiative; Fundraising for Signage
 - a. Todd Wohlfarth is getting actual bids for four entry signs and Town Hall sign so that we will have an accurate picture of what they will cost.
 - b. Fundraising letter went to selected Hillsdale residents to raise funds for the signs. As of the meeting, donations had been received for four of the five signs.
4. Rail Trail – Tom Carty
 - a. Discussion is ongoing with state Parks Department about size of drainpipe under Anthony Street required as part of the paving of this segment of the trail.
 - b. Mike Sterz recommended that this part should be ‘over-engineered’ as saving money could lead to serious problems later with rainwater.
5. Basketball Court Restoration
 - a. Bid documents from Bill Sullivan expected Monday, June 20.
6. Roe Jan Ramble
 - a. Group has planned two Rest Stops in Hillsdale – one at foot of Anthony; the other at the dump.
 - b. Questions were raised about the need for two rest stops 3+ miles apart and also the selection of the Transfer Station location. There were also doubts about Hillsdale’s ability to staff two rest stops, as all of the volunteers from past Rambles are unavailable this year.
7. Arts Festival Update – Kelly & Jeff
 - a. Moving along nicely; the event will be centered on Anthony Street and possibly use also vacant lot across 23. Date set is Aug. 27

8. Bike Rack in Hamlet Park will be installed very soon.

9. Hillsdale Map efforts

a. Using funds raised at the last House Tour, Historic Hillsdale is working on a map of Hillsdale showing historic buildings and other highlights in the Hamlet such as cemeteries and monuments. The map will be placed on a pedestal at the Hillsdale entrance to the Rail Trail on Anthony Street and also in Cullen Square. It will key to a website for detailed information about the sites and their history. There will also likely be a printed version of the map at the Rail Trail Kiosk on Anthony Street and handout versions to be placed in stores and restaurants.

b. The Business Alliance is working on a “What to do in Hillsdale” map showing Hillsdale businesses, including shopping, restaurants, etc. This map will be a paper map and likely use the same graphics and layout as the Historic Map, but provide different information.

10. Business Alliance Update – Kelly

a. A meeting was held.

b. There will be a \$25 membership fee.

11. Next Hamlet Committee meeting will be held on July 16 at 9:30 am.