

- I. Welcome. Meeting called to order by President, Steve Buchtel at 7:05 P.M.
Present: Steve Buchtel via Zoom, Dan Feltz, Julie Sklom, Gayle Greenwald, Bill Poore, Jim Tomaszewski, Peter Taylor. Guest: Sally Trimble
- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion: Julie moved to approve, Bill seconded
- III. Treasurer's Report
No report. Payment to Franklin Framing (framed piece for Debbie) \$195.31 was approved.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Trail construction
Southwest Suburban Mayors and Managers, Leslie Phemister reported the following work being done: Halsted St. bridge work has a June letting for lanes and bridge itself with a link on trails to Dolton; once in Dolton, there is an environmental issue with the trail going over wetlands and finding the \$25,000 match from communities involved to complete the work; Alsip/Blue Island/Cook County all part of the work to be done at Pulaski and 131st St. Problematic.

It was suggested by Peter that we should try to meet with new mayors and get them involved in the trail and its needs in their communities.
 - B. Bench update
Steve contacted Leslie to inquire about her wish to purchase benches. She is still interested but hasn't talked to the communities to see if they will purchase them.
Palos Park quoted a construction amount of \$550 which includes the lumber and stone needed to complete the preliminary work before the concrete pour.
 - C. Holiday Party
Cancelled until 2022.
- V. New Business
 - A. National Trails Day, June 4, 2022
To celebrate the day, Steve suggested we plan a progressive bench party to christen the benches and celebrate the trail moving forward. A committee was formed to plan the event: Jim will chair with Julie, Gayle, Steve, and Brian.

Sally Trimble who has purchased one of the benches asked if she could be informed when the cement will be poured so she can enlist pad watchers to protect the sites.
 - B. Plaques
Steve needs to know what the wording will be on each plaque. He will let bench people know what the trophy place's word stipulations are.
 - C. Retreat/Workshop
Steve suggested we have a retreat to discuss where we are headed as an organization and what kinds of things we would like to accomplish. All voted to meet

outside of our regularly scheduled meetings. Steve will send out some dates so we can determine when to meet.

D. Google Drive

Steve has started saving all meeting notes, photos, documents on Google Drive. This way our history can be archived. It will require some work to get all of this organized, but it will be good to have everything in one place that can be accessed by everyone.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Next meeting: January 25, 2022