

June 2, 2009

Prior to the meeting being called to order the people present were advised of the purpose of the meeting, that the board makes the final decision in the matter, that all present would be given 5 minutes to speak and that there would be no rebuttals. A sign up sheet was placed by the door for all attending to sign.

A special town board meeting, as posted at the town hall, Mike's, Bob's Northern Lights and Strongs and also published two consecutive times in the Antigo Daily Journal, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner.

The agenda for the meeting: For the purpose of opening up Sawyer Lake, Diamond Roof, Rose Lake and Setting Lake roads for 4 wheeler travel for access to existing trails.

The meeting was conducted in an orderly manner. Thirty eight people stood and spoke before the group.

Phil Johnsrud ó Lives on Rocky Rips Road ó not in favor ó stated illegal activity

Katrina _____ - stated that the ATVs are in Lakewood and are an asset to the community ó in favor

Jeff Muthig ó has had an ATV since 2005 and likes riding the woodland trails ó in favor

Tony Ramer ó In favor ó as a member of the ATV club ó the problems will be addressed ó the trails will not be by the Wolf River.

Lloyd Larson - not in favor ó lives by Seed Orchard Road and the trail is one mile from his house. He wants to preserve the area.

Doc Pence ó lives by Sawyer Lake and is concerned about the use of the roads for ATV routes. There is a safety issue ó 12 year olds on the roads is also an issue ó He is neither for nor against the ATVs, he just feels that they should not be on the roads. The future of this issue is the question.

Barb Cadwell - owns 280 acres and already had ATV's going on her property ó warned town that she would sue if damage is done to her horses, some of which are valued at \$100,000. Not in favor.

Vicky Holbrook ó Snowmobilers now use North White Lake Drive. ATVs should be able to use this road also. She is in favor of ATV on roadways.

Leon Mabry ó In favor. ATV users must obey the law no matter what.

Donna Kallner ó Not in favor ó Read material stating the number of accidents due to use on paved roads. The machines should only be used off-road. She asked that her notes be attached to the minutes.

Jamee Peters ó Not in favor ó Presented 10 letters from property owners who asked for more information on the matter. They would like an economic forum or referendum on this matter. They have questions on trail issues and would like a comprehensive plan.

Jack Rickert ó is in favor ó lives by the trail by the railroad grade.

Bill Kallner ó not in favor ó These machines should not be on the roadway. He thinks everyone on the roads affected should be notified. He listed certain issues that should be included in an ordinance. He stated that the town has a responsibility to both the voting and non voting taxpayers. His notes are attached.

Janet Moldenhauer ó Not in favor. Does not feel that the trail should be by the river.

Joe Hoffman ó He has talked to Senator Breske. Breske told him that the registration money is not being used for the trails.

Harlan Gert ó He is in favor ó He is an instructor for kids 12 years and up.

Larry Wahleithner ó In favor ó Businesses are benefited.

Tom Koss ó Owns property on Sawyer Lake. He is concerned about both the legal and enforcement issues of this matter. He had pictures of violations. We need trails separate from the roadways in order to protect the area.

Gary and Pat Locke ó They are in favor ó Connecting trails should be opened. Criminals should be severely fined. Some businesses are seeing a 30% increase due to the trails being opened. Trails in Townsend are open with no problems. Drivers need to be responsible whether driving a car or an ATV.

Tim Janssen ó In Favor ó He lives on Eardman Road and owns 150 acres and owns 2 ATVs. People have to have more respect.

Les Boyd ó Not in favor ó No ATVs should be allowed on the roads. He wants the ATVs off of the roads.

James ? ó In favor ó He has nothing against the ATV issue as long as it is handled right.

Ken Brinpel ó In favor ó Discussed problems but realizes that not all ATVers are bad ó speed limits must be obeyed.

Dave Peterson ó In favor of ATV routes, within reason, as long as route is access to a trail. He referred to the DNR handbook. Before a route is considered the main focus should be safety. All roadways should be studied individually.

Pat McCarthy ó In favor ó He is all for education. He wants the ATVs on designated trails. All ages need to be educated.

Steve Tice ó In favor ó He works for Silver Birch Ranch ó Routes are needed on Sawyer Lake Road to go to trails ó Read a letter from Silver Birch re Miles per Hour signs and enforcement. Town insurance needs to be contacted. Town should have a comprehensive plan regarding the ATVs.

Jim Eisenman ó In favor ó He supports recreation.

Bob Bursick ó He has had good trail experiences. He enjoys the trails. He has full coverage insurance on his ATV. Any ATV owner should have full coverage.

Wes Vandehey ó He is a trail ambassador and sits on the trails and has reported violators to the DNR. He stated that soon the ATVs will have license plates which will be easier to see.

Courses are necessary to ride ATVs on trails ó 12 year olds should not be going alone. Muffler rules should be obeyed. Speed limit is 25 mph max ó 10mph by houses. He wants his sport and feels roads should be opened to access trails.

Judy Peterson ó Not in favor ó Read from DNR guidelines ó One big issue is that ATVs do not have break lights ó problems, specifically with youths ó also stated that there should be route guidelines to use before considering a road as a route. Main concern is the road from 9-Mile to Silver Birch Ranch ó the snowmobile route should be used ó Discussed the ATVs by White Lake. She thinks people should trailer their machines to the snowmobile trail past Silver Birch.

Lynn D'Amato ó Stated the economic impact that the ATVs have on the community ó All studies that she has read are positive. In the NE North region the average age of riders is 42 ó trails riders are planning their rides ó Enforcement issues need to be addressed.

George Borneman stated that he is on the Forestry Committee. There are trail heads that go on town roads. Concerned about a town road that is going to be used as a trail that goes thru a residential area. He feels that the river will be impacted.

Margaret Hess ó has lived here for 17 years. She lives on Bombinski Lane and is against the ATV ó Safety issue is a big factor. The road is a concern. She already has to worry about the Silver Birch Buses. Asked if we had an alternate route. Asked if there would be a time of use. She also questioned the noise, emissions, and use in a heavy traffic area.

Darrell Rickle stated that property value and assessments may be an issue.

John Brantmeyer ó in favor ó different sports can coexist. He discussed road use. Sawyer Lake-would like a trail head at 9-Mile. Senator Holperin discussed the economic impact of 4 wheelers and use of road. Their group has a comprehensive plan.

Andy Kostelny ó He is the President of the White Lake ATV Club and also an instructor. Safety is an issue. Education is important. An application will be submitted to the forest service for the use of the trail behind 9-Mile.

10 MINUTE BREAK

RECONVENED

Barry Climie ó not opposed to ATVs. He does not want the town roads to be used. He has had problems on his property by the Oconto River and on Burgert Lane. ATVs can go 70 mph. Safety issue discussed. The board has to have rules and an ordinance before trails can be opened up.

Owner by property on the Sherry in the Town of Elton. All riders have been respectful. The state has rules. Youths have to go to training.

Martin Drury ó lives on Rose Lake. He feels economics is an issue. Serenity is an issue.

After all people who wished to speak were heard Supervisor Hawley made the following motion. Motion was made to open up only Sawyer Lake Road, Diamond Roof Road, Rose Lake, Road and Setting Lake Road for 4-Wheeler Travel for access to existing trails and open routes and trails to accommodate as many businesses in the Town of Wolf River as possible. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest. Motion carried.

The trails will be open as soon as ordinance is adopted, posted/published and the trails have all been marked.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.