

Minutes of Bridges and Railroad Committee

November 17, 2014

Members Present: Larry Schell, Tom Clouser, Jim Doran, Marshall Reeder, Bernadette Slawinski

1. Minutes Approved from the September 2014 Meeting.
2. A discussion was held regarding the meeting with NPS and City of Portage on October 16, 2014. A discussion was held regarding the feasibility of the Sand Tracks or Boat Club Road to be developed as a secondary exit from Ogden Dunes. The ownership of Sand Tracks is still in dispute. There would be a need to level the road to access the current street. Other changes will be made in that area according A.J. Monroe from Portage, including the demolition of Warehouse 57 and the improvement of a road in that area. The parking lot next to the former U. S. Steel training Center will be completed and available to use as the route from Ogden Dunes rather than using the road adjacent to PreCoat. There are plans in the future to build a new bridge over the ditch. At this time there are no plans for PreCoat to relocate. A discussion was held regarding a trade between Ogden Dunes and the NPS: Boat Club Road for the Sand Tracks. No resolution or recommendation was made in this area due to unknown ownership of Sand Tracks and the need for approval from the Town Council.
3. Karen Tallian is willing to attend a future meeting of the Bridges and Railroad Committee. She has told members of the committee that there is an old law that returns railroad property to municipalities if they ever owned it.
4. Marshall Reeder – Gate to emergency exit – Marshall Reeder stated that they will keep it open when there is heavy train activity.
5. High Speed Rail – if this occurs it will have a great impact on the community including taking over the current emergency exit.
6. Number of trains that pass each day. Tom Clouser was given information that indicates that the number of trains is between 150 and 180 daily due to the leasing of the tracks to the Canadian National Railroad.
7. Quiet Zone and Sound Localization- still in need of additional information.
8. Meeting Adjourned