



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

118 Center Street W.  
Amery, WI 54001  
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Monday – January 25, 2021

6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**\*Or Immediately After Public Works**

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Committee** of the City of Amery will be held on **January 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM (Or Immediately after Public Works).**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81537269025?pwd=clRtVGoxa3BHV1hvQ0JoRXV4Sktsdz09>

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Call to Order

- 1) Discussion/Recommendation: Draft Amendment to the Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan
- 2) Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted;

Ben Jansen, MPA

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

\*\*\*Posted: Website ([www.amerywi.gov](http://www.amerywi.gov)); Amery City Hall; Amery Public Library and Amery Police Department

Thursday – January 21, 2021

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## Amery's Talking Points on The Stower

1. This Resolution is deficient.
2. As agreed to with Polk County, and as required under Natural Resources Rule 44, plans for State Trails must incorporate and acknowledge existing plans of other governmental entities involved in the planning process and who have jurisdiction over parts of the State Trail. (See NR 44 subsection .04)
3. Starting in 2017, Amery spent a full year developing a Municipal Bike and Pedestrian Plan. That plan has been submitted to and approved by the Amery City Council on July 25th, 2018.
4. As part of that plan, Amery has received grant monies from the Amery Hospital Foundation to implement the Plan which utilizes the Stower Seven Lakes Trail and the Cattail State trail, and which requires paving a small portion of the trails.
5. Amery has provided this Municipal Bike and Pedestrian Trail Plan to Polk County on multiple occasions, as recently as 2018, and to which then Corporate Counsel Jeff Fuge signed a letter, along with Mayor Isakson, to urge the WDNR to incorporate Amery's plan into the new Stower Trail Master plan.
6. There is no mention, nor incorporation of the Amery Municipal Bike and Pedestrian Plan in the current Polk County Resolution nor any of its Draft Master Plan documents.
7. As such, and given that Amery has jurisdiction over the Stower Seven Lakes Trail within its corporate city limits, I request that Polk County work with Amery to incorporate our Bike and Pedestrian Plan with the Draft Amendment to the Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan.
8. I request that Polk County work with Amery, its City Council and staff to resolve these issues as soon as possible before moving on to submitting its Draft Amendment to the Stower Seven Lakes Trail Master Plan.
9. Amery has also applied for and received a Safe Routes to School Grant that will be incorporating a major portion of the Amery Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for safe routes to our schools.

## Patty Bjorklund

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**From:** iker@amerytel.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 5:51 PM  
**To:** 'Yach, James A - DNR'  
**Cc:** Ben Elfelt  
**Subject:** RE: Trail surface infomation

James,

You have been in the loop since August 2018 and knew we had a plan. When the County and DNR met and hammered out a plan acceptable to the DNR and the County, Amery should have been part of this and this should have been a done deal. I just hate dragging this out. I do not want any hard feelings between any of the parties. I am going to need your help to see this(adding the Amery B & P plan) through with as little controversy As possible. Can we sit down with Ben, you and I and hammer out a plan that is acceptable to all and get it done quickly?

Paul

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**From:** Yach, James A - DNR <JamesA.Yach@wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** iker@amerytel.net; Kazmierski, Robert - DATCP <robert.kazmierski@co.polk.wi.us>  
**Cc:** Patty Bjorklund <patty.bjorklund@amerywi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Trail surface infomation

Paul,

One other piece of info that I feel that also needs to be mentioned, and sorry this was not included in my initial response is any agreement made between the city and the county that changes utilization of the trail as outlined in the new master plan would have to go through some sort of planning process.

Thanks,

James

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**From:** [iker@amerytel.net](mailto:iker@amerytel.net) <[iker@amerytel.net](mailto:iker@amerytel.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** Kazmierski, Robert - DATCP <[robert.kazmierski@co.polk.wi.us](mailto:robert.kazmierski@co.polk.wi.us)>; Yach, James A - DNR <[JamesA.Yach@wisconsin.gov](mailto:JamesA.Yach@wisconsin.gov)>  
**Cc:** Patty Bjorklund <[patty.bjorklund@amerywi.gov](mailto:patty.bjorklund@amerywi.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Trail surface infomation

Bob and Patty,  
Here is the outline to move forward. Bob, will this work for you? It seems we can get this done. James, will you be willing to work with the City and the County to get this done in a timely manner?  
Paul

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**From:** Yach, James A - DNR <[JamesA.Yach@wisconsin.gov](mailto:JamesA.Yach@wisconsin.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 12:32 PM  
**To:** [iker@amerytel.net](mailto:iker@amerytel.net)  
**Subject:** Trail surface infomation

Hello Paul,

Here is what I was able to find out from our planning staff.

It would start as a negotiation between the county and city, but per the MOU between the County and the WDNR, the DNR needs to be party to any/all agreements for maintenance of the trail. The WDNR would need to review and be a signatory for the agreement between the City of Amery and Polk county.

Hope this helps

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