

Kosciusko County Parks & Recreation Board
Courthouse, Old Courtroom
Thursday, January 16th, 2025

The Kosciusko County Parks & Recreation Board met at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in the Old Courtroom, Kosciusko County Courthouse. Members present included: Rob Bishop, Mike Cusick, Matt Metzger, Aggie Sweeney, and Troy Turley.

Pledge and Prayer were said.

President Rob Bishop called the meeting to order.

IN THE MATTER OF SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor swore in the following members: Rob Bishop, Mike Cusick, Matt Metzger, Aggie Sweeney, and Troy Turley as 2025 board members.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF 12-19-2024 MEETING MINUTES:

Rob Bishop asked about the approval of the 12-19-2024 minutes and it was asked to table them until the next meeting as no one had reviewed them.

Motion: Mike Cusick
Second: Matt Metzger
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

To: Approve to table the approval of the 12-19-2024 minutes until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAILS MASTER PLAN:

Scott Siefker appeared virtually and Deb Schmucker appeared in person from TSW (Taylor Siefker Williams) Design Group. Board members should have received the design guidelines and final documents for review prior to the meeting. TSW Design Group is asking that the Board move forward and adopt the draft so they can move forward with the Plan Commission and they can adopt it as part of their comprehensive plan. Discussion was had amongst the Board Members and some adjustments were requested to be made to the draft.

Motion: Matt Metzger
Second: Aggie Sweeney
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

To: Approve the draft of the Trails Master Plan, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CHINWORTH EXTENSION:

John Nelson from Triad stated that they have received all the drainage and pedestrian crossing submittals and those have been reviewed and approved and sent back to the contractor. The materials are being constructed. Niblock has stated that around April will be the groundbreaking. Brightspeed has been asked to remove their utilities within the right of ways. They were given a notice to proceed.

IN THE MATTER OF 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Alyssa Schmucker, County Auditor stated that it was suggested to schedule the meetings to every other month. It was discussed amongst the Board to continue to hold their meetings on a monthly basis.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Rob Bishop stated that he has reached out to Pierceton and Syracuse. The next projects would possibly be Pierceton, North Webster, Winona Lake and Syracuse. Mike Cusick stated that Amy Roe has been working with Pierceton and that they would like to complete the Market Street Greenway. Amy Roe came to the microphone and gave her updates on the projects she has been involved in and where things are headed with those projects.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.