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Mr. Dean Uelmen
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RE: Eisenbahn State Park Trail Update

Dear Mr. Uelmen:

Folks out your way have been asking questions about progress on development of the new recreation trail that passes through Campbellsport. I thought I'd take the time to provide you a brief update on the trail. Please feel free to share this letter with your Village Board and the community in general.

As you have probably noticed, work started last month on modifying bridges in the railroad right of way for recreational use. A competitive bidding process was used and Hardy, Inc. of Omro was awarded a contract to modify all 12 bridges. This work is nearly complete. The expense of this work is covered 100% by snowmobile trail grant funds.

Trail surfacing work should start in the next month as weather permits. Baumhardt Sand & Gravel had the low bid on this work. Surfacing of the trail will be done between the County line and Tracks Lane near Eden and the work should take just a few weeks once started. We should be able to have the trail officially opened by April. Trail surfacing will be paid on a 50/50 basis from Wisconsin Stewardship grant funds and the County tax levy. The trail surface will be made from compacted limestone screenings, just as we've done with the Wild Goose State Park Trail. I am confident you will see a notably better trail surface on the Fond du Lac County portion of this trail.

Once development work is complete, the trail will open for bicycling, walking, and running for the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Winter uses will include snowmobiling and for the 2006-2007 season the trail will be open on a trial basis for ATV use. ATVs will be allowed only when the ground is frozen. The Fond du Lac County Parks and Development Committee will evaluate ATV use in 2007 and make a decision on ATV use for future years.

Traffic signs will be placed this spring by County employees. We will place "Trail Crossing" signs for motorists at each road/trail crossing. We will also place traffic signs

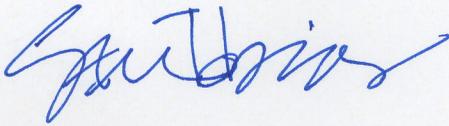
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including stop and stop ahead signs on the trail for trail users at each road/trail crossing. I will coordinate this work with you as it will involve roads and streets under your jurisdiction. Trail name signs will be placed as our budget allows, but probably not until 2007. All of these signs will be placed at County expense.

After a year or two of the trail being open, we will start looking for locations for vehicle parking for trail users. I want to coordinate the selection of these locations with you to assure we have mutually agreeable locations for these parking lots. These types of lots may be sized for 6-20 vehicles depending on the availability of land. Often, we place an informational kiosk that is basically a bulletin board with a built in bench and a roof for weather protection. We have construction plans for these kiosks and they make good service club or Eagle Scout projects. We'd be happy to supply the needed materials for any group wanting to undertake such a project.

If you have questions or want more information, please feel free to give me a call or stop by for a visit. I would gladly attend an upcoming Village Board meeting, make a quick presentation, and answer any questions then. Two views of a kiosk are shown below.

Best regards,



Sam Tobias
Planning & Parks Director

