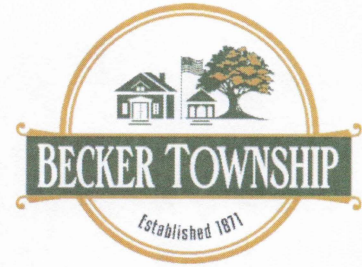


Becker Town Board Meeting
Special Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18th, 2025
12165 Hancock Street



Attendance

Board members: Brian Kolbinger (online), Brad Wilkening, Joe Danielson, Luke Babler, Clerk Lucinda Messman, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk Megan Schmidt

Absent: None, seat 1 is vacant

Others: Cole Petroske (online), Matt Marquette (online), Andrew Witter (online), Gregg Felber, Anne Felber, Nick Maurer, John & Ruth Babler, Danny Durant, Rick Hendrickson, Dave Henchman

Zoom platform was available for any member of the public who wished to attend virtually.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

This meeting was held to discuss events related to the proposed trail along County Road 23, connecting the trail along Edgewood to the City Park and extending to 103rd Street SE.

Commissioner Felber spoke before the board stating that when this topic came before the County Board of Commissioners, he did not have a lot of information on it. He did not know that there were already two other trails leading to the city park. He also didn't know that the township was against the trail. He also said that he should have had this meeting with the township and residents much sooner than for it to be happening now. He apologized to the residents and board members for not being aware of the details of the proposed trail.

Board Discussion

The township did not support this trail when it was first presented to the board back in December of 2023. We received the request for the trail on December 15th and we had denied our support of it at the January 2024 Town Board meeting. The application was submitted to the county on January 30th, 2024. The resolution presented to the County Commissioners stating that the township supported the proposed trail along County Road 23 is false. False information was submitted to the state in the grant application. There has been no support for this trail by the landowners whose land abuts the right of way where the trail is proposed.

One of the residents asked who would be responsible for trail maintenance. They are concerned as they see issues with the trail along Edgewood and want to know who is going to be responsible.

David Roedel stated the trail and improvement of this section of County Road 23 is slated as a 2026 project.

Commissioner Felber stated that the county cannot pull back the grant, but he can bring back this topic to the commissioner's board. He does believe that it would be beneficial to have all parties

involved have another meeting and see if there is something beneficial to do with this grant instead of the trail. Felber states that he feels like he made a mistake by voting for this grant. He suggested that maybe there should be a road built instead of this trail or possibly a turn lane on County Road 23 to improve safety on this road.

Board Discussion


Key to this

- 1) The Town Board did not vote support of the trail. 103rd Street is far too narrow for a trail and there are many safety concerns on this road.
- 2) The city was given \$650,000 under false statements. We do not need 3 trails to the same place. Who's going to maintain this trail?
- 3) This trail has been brought before the board multiple times since 2021 and the township has repeatedly voted in opposition every time.

Commissioner Felber proposed a meeting with representatives from all governmental units. Board, yes this would likely be beneficial prior to bringing things to the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Meeting Adjourned 5:52 PM.


Brian Kolbinger, Chair


Lucinda Messman, Clerk