

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
March 5, 2020**

Mayor Rick called this special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council members Scott Bauer, Dawn Stuvland, Tonya Stokka, Alyssa Bergman and Brad Field. Absent: Don Goedtke. Others in attendance were City Administrator Mike Rietz, City Engineer Dan Hanson, Karen Lauer, Gay Fankhanel, Keith Jackson, Blair Halverson, Beth Halverson, Leslie Kisch and Jay Kisch.

Mayor Rick stated that the item on the agenda was an open house regarding the trail along 13th St. S.

City Engineer Hanson explained that the trail is being planned in this area to allow people to walk and bike along 13th St. safely. The current roadway is narrow and does not provide adequate room for both vehicles and people who are walking/biking. The gravel section of 13th St. will be improved this year to harden the surface and eliminate dust issues, but is not planned to be widened. This alignment was chosen to avoid existing utility infrastructure and is entirely on city right-of-way. The trail will not change stormwater flow in the area. There will be no special assessments for the trail.

There were a number of concerns shared by the public in attendance related to not having this trail in their backyard. Most were concerned about the loss of privacy and noise resulting from the trail. The public attending encouraged the City to evaluate the possibility of moving the trail to the east side of 13th St. south of 2nd Ave. SE.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Michael Rietz
City Administrator

Jason Rick
Mayor