

**MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING ATV ROUTES**

HELD ON: March 13, 2012 at the Tomahawk Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: HOFFMAN, WOLK, HOLEWINSKI; excused: SHARON, PASZAK

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: BENNETT/COMMISSIONER, COOPER/SECRETARY, BAIER/NOKOMIS
TOWN CHAIRMAN
28 OTHERS WERE PRESENT**

Hoffman called the public informational meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He explained that this was an informal, informational meeting to discuss potential All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) routes in Oneida County.

The meeting proceeded and Bennett explained the portions of CTH 'Y' and 'N' that the committee is planning on opening up to All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), showing the areas on a map displayed on the wall. These sections would connect to the Little Rice and Nokomis trails. Only official trail clubs are authorized to apply for applications. They pay for the signage, are responsible for any damage to the road, and are responsible for policing the trails. The signs will be installed by county employees, so all locations will be marked by Digger's Hotline before installation. The Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, connects to the western portion of CTH 'N' and their meeting the previous evening was all favorable. They are hoping to open their section of 'N' when we open ours. Hoffman then opened the floor to discussion. Of the several comments received, most questioned the exact locations of the trails. Baier asked for the county's help in getting a trail opened up on Swamp Lake Road. The road is shared by Nokomis and Cassian townships. Bennett explained that Swamp Lake Road is a town road and the county has no jurisdiction. Others questioned opening other town roads, and again Bennett explained that they would have to contact their township. When asked about other highways, Bennett explained that some county highways, like 'L', 'P', and 'C' will probably never be open to ATV's because of the high volume of traffic. Riders were encouraged to check with their home owners policies and make sure they have insurance covered for riding ATV's. Discussion arose about the use of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's). Bennett explained that at this time, the policy is only for ATV's.

All feedback for the ATV's trails projected was favorable. There were no objections to opening these portions of CTH 'Y' and 'N'.

Hoffman explained that the committee will be making a final decision at the next meeting, March 22nd, and after approval, they hope to have the county highway trails discussed ready to open when the season opens May 22nd.

Motion: Holewinski/Hoffman to adjourn at 7:00 pm. All ayes

Committee Chairperson

Committee Secretary