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From: George Kapitz [<mailto:georgesbike@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 2:30 PM
To: Jason Sladky
Cc: Chad Scheinoha; Dan Koski; Sandy Ronski; Karen Dorow; Sue Reilly
Subject: Re: Fat bike trail in Silver Creek Park

Hello, I'm proposing to groom snow trails at Silver Creek Park for the use of fat-bikes. In the past we used snowshoes and a pull behind drag to groom the trails for our fat-bike race Shelltrack. We purchased a snow groomer (2ft wide) that attaches to a snowmobile and looking to have a winter long trail groomed here. We will be using existing cx bicycle trails that are currently being used there along with trail that we use for Shelltrack. In previous years ski trails were groomed here and the city snowmobile was used. We are looking to use the same snowmobile to pull our groomer. With the popular growth of fat-bikes, I believe this will get more people utilizing the park during the winter and also attract riders from out of town to come use the trail. We also received blessing of Jim Van Lanen (frisbee golf director) to utilize the park for fat-biking. If you have any questions. Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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1.3 mile loop at Silver Creek Park

From: Chad Scheinoha
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 3:01 PM
To: Dan Koski; Jason Sladky; Sandy Ronski
Cc: Karen Dorow; georgesbike@gmail.com; Sue Reilly
Subject: Fat bike trail in Silver Creek Park

Dan/Jason,

I have been approached by George Kapitz about the possibility of making a groomed fat bike trail in Silver creek park. George and I talked at length about this. I don't think that it will interfere with any of the other uses in this park. George and I agreed with the following plan to get the ball rolling.

- 1) I recommended that George talk with Jim Vanlanen about this because of the disc golf course. George has talked with Jim Vanlanen (disc golf Wisconsin) about sharing the park for disc golf and fat bikes during the winter. Jim is more than happy to share this area with the fat bikes. Jim said that there is a very small number of hard corps golfers that golf during the winter but does not see any issues here. Jim and George are working together to come up with a bike trail map that will not interfere with the disc golfers. I also stressed that he stay away from the sledding hill.
- 2) George will submit a course map and letter of request to me. After I have a chance to look at this and approve it, I will get it on the park and rec committee agenda and council for December.
- 3) The trail would consist of a hard packed snow surface. George has a groomer lined up for the trail. This would be pulled with a snow mobile for grooming. I would work with George on this and anytime that we thought it was too wet or that we would cause damage to the park the trail would not be open.

George if I missed anything here feel free to add comments.

Chad J. Scheinoha

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