

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

1/18/14 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 9:09 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Wendy Schnorr
Linda Novotny
Curt Herrmann
Al Aspengren
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2013 Meeting: Curt Herrmann motioned to approve the minutes. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Report from Fehr Graham:

Dan Nolan discussed the fees with Fehr Graham and there is not a redundancy in the application fees. All applications are different so each fee would be applicable. Terry Heitkamp would be available to come to a meeting to answer any questions. Engineering fees are included in his pricing. He would like to have further discussions with the committee to proceed with grant applications. He also needs to make sure the lead agency is on board. Also must make sure all the match money is in place. It was also discussed approaching the DeKalb County Community Foundation for some match money. Grant application money would be needed for approximately \$13,000.00 if all 3 grants were applied for. The most needed for matching funds is estimated in the range of \$60,000-\$85,000. Curt Herrmann said it would be a good idea to speak to the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Americorp Discussion:

Dan Nolan spoke with Steve Butchel and he agreed that it may be too early to bring in Americorp for our project until after the grant application process is complete. The following year will probably be a better timeframe for Americorp to be used. Dan Nolan and Steve Butchel will keep in touch. Al Aspengren reported that Jim Johnson spoke with the county engineer and would like the path to run along the school property behind the schools. The committee doesn't feel this is a good option. Al Aspengren wants to discuss the trail head parking with the railroad. The future of the federal grant is unsure at this point, this will be a good topic to discuss with Fehr Graham. Dan Nolan has asked Denny Sands to discuss the bike path with Potawatomie Tribe. He hasn't discussed it with them directly yet.

Fundraising Options:

Dan Nolan stated we need to come up with some fundraising options. Discussed who should be the contact endorsements. Dan Nolan asked if a subcommittee should be formed for fundraising and letters of endorsement. This committee could provide information to the community.

Wendy Schnorr volunteered for this subcommittee. Marc Cinnamon will be approached for this committee as well. The municipalities could be approached for the grant money application.

The committee discussed the best way to approach the different entities. The landowners also need to be approached again. There is still discussion on land acquisition versus land easement. The township is not a land owning entity.

Need to have Fehr Graham at next committee meeting. The fundraising committee will come up with a rough draft for a letter. Land owner contacts need to be obtained.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. Motioned by Linda Novotny, seconded by Al Aspengren.

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Resource Bank.

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Meeting Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee submitted by Allison Kidd Probst.

/s/_____ January 18, 2014