

# **Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes**

## **1/26/13 Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 10:06 A.M. at Pokanokas Restaurant in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan  
Jerry Foster  
Marc Cinnamon  
Curt Herrmann  
Linda Novotny  
Wendy Schnorr  
Kelly Nehring  
Jim Johnson  
Vaughn Boehne  
Hank Frazier  
Al Aspengren  
Allison Kidd Probst

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Citizen's Addressing the Board:** None

**Approval of Minutes from Jan. 12, 2013 Meeting:** Al Aspengren motioned to approve the minutes. Marc Cinnamon seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion of Bike Path:** Terry Hannon from the DeKalb County Forest Preserve was present to discuss bike path options. Mr. Hannon opened by speaking about the big trails done in the early 1980's in both Kane and DeKalb Counties. Currently he is involved on trails in Somonauk as well as the Genoa-Kingston area. He advised the committee that one of the most important steps in building a bike path is to form partnerships with people and other organizations. This is helpful in obtaining property and easements as well as monetary donations and resource donation. Mr. Hannon discussed different grant opportunities but advised that much of the grant money has dried up. He also recommended not using Federal Motor Fuel tax for small projects as the requirements to obtain the funds increase the cost of the project.

Mr. Hannon also passed around pictures and diagrams outlining the current path for being used in Somonauk as well as examples of gravel and limestone paths currently in use. An Ag Lime path which was constructed between St. Charles and Sycamore lasted 25 years. Flat surfaces are more conducive for Ag Lime. The estimated cost of 6 inch base of road rock is \$23,000-\$25,000 for a mile and a half long path. Donated earthwork helps reduce the cost. Asphalt paths will easily double this cost.

Partnership help when applying for grant money or to have them sponsors portions of the trail. Another possibility is to do the path in sections as the money becomes available.

Dan Nolan asked if all trails have to be ADA compliant. Terry Hannon said a portion of all trails are ADA compliant, but the entire trail does not have to be compliant. He also advised the limestone does become compliant once it is rained on and hardens. Federal Grants may require paths to be asphalt for ADA compliance.

The typical path is 10 feet wide with two 5 ft. mowed shoulders. Mr. Hannon said the DeKalb County Forest Preserve would be willing to be partners if the path connected the forest preserve and the state park to the village. Road crossings would not be a problem as long as adequate signage is used. It is about ½ mile from the shelter house to the end of the forest preserve.

Mr. Hannon was asked his view on mountain biking in the area. He felt it is not a problem as long as the ground is frozen otherwise it causes too much damage.

The route of the path was next discussed. Dan Nolan began by outlining some possible routes he had thought of. He felt it was advantageous to connect the business district, library, and schools. One possible trail head could be at the Village Hall or Township Building. One concern is how to best access the north side of town and eventually northward towards DeKalb.

Kelly Nehring was asked what would be needed to draw horseback riders from outside of the area. Typically paths are segregated from bike paths. At least an hours worth of path is needed to draw riders from a distance.

Dan Nolan asked Jim Johnson if the township would be able to help with any of the dirt work. Mr. Johnson indicated he would speak to Gene Larson and also check the legality of being able to assist.

**Grant Applications:** Marc Cinnamon has put together a list of possible supporters that he shared with committee. He suggested that 2-3 possible path routes be examined before moving forward with grant applications.

The committee decided to continue to working on possible routes. Dan Nolan also suggested giving his plan to Norm to look at engineering for the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Next meeting February 16, 2013 10:00 a.m. at Pokanokas Restaurant

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

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_ February 15, 2013