

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

2/15/14 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 9:07 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 Hermann
Frank Ottengheime
Marc Cinnamon
Jim Johnson
Al Aspengren
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2014 Meeting: Al Aspengren motioned to approve the minutes. Curt Herrmann seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Tom Demmer Meeting: Occurred at the village hall on Wednesday February 12, 2014. Top three outcomes of the survey was a beach, bike path and lodging need at the state park. Dan Nolan and Jerry Foster presented the proposal on the bike path. It will probably be a year or two away from funding future legislation.

Pam Rockwood had suggested looking at private grants to help fund the private portion. Some options may be Monsanto or Lowes. Jim Johnson feels the committee should try to get as much funding from a wide range of sources. One suggestion is to allow pledges toward the bike path to start raising the match money. The money to pay for Fehr Graham will have to be raised and kept separate.

Fundraising Options:

Dan Nolan has talked to Steve Butchel regarding fundraising. Jerry Foster said a dinner to promote it and show maps etc. Need to find up an entity that would be responsible for setting up an account. DCEDC may be the cleanest and easiest way to handle the account and funds. Jim Johnson will follow up on restrictions or issues of the township being the lead on the project and protecting the money. Al Aspengren suggested getting the local government agencies to pay for the Fehr Graham fees. The County Forest Preserve Board said they would be willing to contribute \$10,000.00 toward the project. A formal request would be made of the village, township, fire department and school district to request funds for the startup fees. Frank

Ottengheime also asked to have the Potawatomie to be included. The County Forest Preserve could also be added.

The dinner would need to have some complimentary tickets for landowners and organizations that will be asked for funds. The landowners may need to have a pre-dinner meeting to discuss. Feeling is to meet with the landowners prior to a dinner for the community. Reassure that entrances and exits will be available where the landowners like them. A proposed date of March 29, 2014 for the dinner for landowners was discussed but a midweek date may be better. It was switched to Wednesday April 9, 2014. A list of landowners was discussed. The fundraising will meet outside of the regular committee meeting.

Proposed Route Changes: Dan Nolan discussed the possibility of running a path down Illini thru the Lovering property. The issue of the narrow road along Illini and the problems it poses. This could be a second phase. The committee feels that approaching the school board again for other options along Shabbona Road and the school property.

Jerry Foster discussed a domain name of GreenIsOurFuture.org to promote the bike path and other issues. .

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Motioned by Jerry Foster, seconded by Marc Cinnamon.

The next meeting will be on March 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/ _____ February 15, 2014