

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

2/21/15 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Suzann Alde
Wendy Schnorr
Curt Foster
Marc Cinnamon
Jim Allen
Tom Greenwell
Jim Johnson
Curt Herrmann
Nancy Pardridge
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: Tom Greenwell represented the United Neighborhood Center and offered to house the Americorps crew at the old Dr. Purdy facility. Pastor Jim Allen was concerned about the chaperone situation with mixed genders in the crew. Dan Nolan advised that there are site supervisors and group leaders who are responsible for monitoring the crew.

Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2015 Meeting: Curt Herrmann motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2015 meeting. Wendy Schnorr seconded. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Landowner's Agreements: Dan Nolan passed around the sample of the Landowner's Agreement. Initially there was 30 potential owners, but was reduced to approximately 11 owners. Eight agreements have been sent and three are pending. Once they are received Fehr Graham will be able to submit the grants. Jerry Foster will attend the next school board meeting. Jerry Foster spoke with Jerry Kaus who has not received the landowner's agreement but another will be sent to him. The remaining signatures are needed.

501c3 Progress: Jim Johnson has a list of items that must be completed for a 501c3. Nancy Pardridge said she would work on it. A mission statement is needed along with bylaws and an official board. Discussed the need to have representatives from each entities of the village. Jerry Foster recommended forming the committee under the economic development committee. Dan Nolan discussed moving the ad hoc committee to a standing board. Feels that it is time to move forward into the implementation phase. Further discussion was held on funding and grant applications and the amount of funds needed to match each as well as land acquisition. ComEd

has sent an application for the grant for open lands which is due March 6, 2015 and can be awarded up to \$10,000.00. Wendy Schnorr and Jim Johnson are working on this.

Forest Preserve Report: Money has been allocated for the project but Terry Hannan has a new board and will ask for \$3,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 at the March meeting. The maps could be done by the county forest preserve, Marc Cinnamon's office is having some computer issues and cannot at this time create the maps. The Forest Preserve will probably be able to do the maps going forward. Some corrections to the map will need to be made along with distances and purposes of the trail. There are approximately 20 miles of trails within the state park. The school district is interested in purchasing the Lovering property.

Marketing: Jerry Foster has a sponsor for the event and the profit from the event could be \$2000-\$3000. An estimated \$8000.00 is needed for the marketing budget. T-shirts for all students was discussed to get the children of the community involved. Suzann Alde has spoken with Able-Soft and they believe they can do a website with 3 pages at \$575.00 (14 days) or 5 pages for \$950.00 (20 days). A blog could also be part of the website. Curt Herrmann has talked to someone about t-shirts which would cost \$595 for 200 shirts, he will get a catalogue to show colors. It can be done on a light color shirt with 6 colors for \$69.00 for 30-72. Permanent signs are expensive and would cost about \$200. Money from Next Era isn't earmarked for startup costs. The next issue is finding the money to pay Able-Soft. Curt Foster said he could come up with money and a donor is available. T-shirts should be ordered and received by the end of the school year. Girls on the Run would also get shirts. A run, bike, kayak event could be scheduled for the first weekend in August to but the date should be secured. A meeting for the race time will be held on February 27th. A press release will be needed for the event. Letters of support for the event would be helpful from Kish Health, NIU, Kishwaukee College, and Wal-mart. Also an event for the July 4th in late afternoon and early evening. Some ideas are a bouncy house, slip and slide, petting zoo, or sell items such as ice cream, Italian ice. Also discussed were water balloon fights.

Finance: The Monsanto grant is coming up again, Jim Johnson is working on this. Another grant is due for the Community Foundation next week, unfortunately it is not favorable for startup costs. Jim Johnson and Nancy Pardridge will work on grants from ITEP in the amount of \$720,000 and \$90,000 from the bike path grant. Once the application for 501c3 is filed donations can be accepted. Nancy Pardridge will work to have this completed by April 1, 2015. The bylaws and mission statement will need to be submitted to Nancy. Dan Nolan would be authorized to approve a mission statement and bylaws. Curt Herrmann, Marc Cinnamon and Dan Nolan will work on these before the next meeting. Dan Nolan will be giving a presentation to Tri-County Kiwanis, and Jerry Foster spoke with the Potawatomi and they are interested in the project as well.

The next meeting will be on March 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Resource Bank.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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

/s/ _____ March 12, 2015