

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

3/14/15 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, March 14, 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
Curt Herrmann
Al Aspengren
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2015 Meeting: Curt Herrmann motioned to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2015 meeting. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor voted aye, motion carried.

Review and Adoption of Bylaws and Mission Statement: Dan Nolan passed out a copy of proposed bylaws. Five of the directors would be from the five taxing bodies, four others would be from the subcommittees. Concern was voiced regarding a delay in being able to vote due to the need to get approval from each of their taxing boards. Dan would like there to be five subcommittees; Marketing, Planning/Maintenance, Finance, Grants, Users/Residents, but acknowledged that may need to combine finance and grants. Dan Nolan felt this should be reviewed and discussed and approved at a future point.

Mission Statement: The Committee promotes a safely-connected community through a cooperative effort by citizens, businesses, and local governments. The primary goal is to provide a safe means to access educational, recreational, commercial, and residential destinations, while promoting outdoor recreational opportunities, nature appreciation, and healthy lifestyles.

Wendy Schnorr asked if it was going to be a public announcement regarding a meeting to adopt the bylaws. It may be a good opportunity to promote the pathway.

Curt Foster felt it was important to ask the organization if they want to be a director instead of assuming they want to be a part of the organization. Also felt that under section 4.4 that terms should be 2 year staggered terms.

Four officers would also be need for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dan asked for any suggestions be emailed to Jim Johnson, and copy Dan Nolan and Allison Kidd-Probst.

Landowner's Agreements: Forest Preserve has been in agreement, but the School Board has agreed but there was some dissention. It was approved by a majority. The school board has asked for a formal request for the annual reserve amount of \$1000.00 which will be submitted. Jerry Foster will follow up with the Lovering property. Dan Nolan spoke to the State Park and they cannot sign over easement but will provide a letter of support and also promised that they would complete the project into park. He would be willing to accept assistance from the pathway committee. Jerry Foster spoke with Jerry Kaus and they are concerned because they are trying to sell the land and will market it in the fall. They are concerned it will hinder the sale of the land. Keith Foster may be able to help write up an agreement that would be acceptable. Curt Foster asked if the committee paid to have the trails in the park improved it that would be an option. The trail could go down Shabbona to Preserve into the state park. Also could go along the ComEd easement between the Kaus and Lovering property. Wendy Schnorr was able to get the landowner's agreement from ComEd. Mike Shrader will not sign the landowner's agreement. Karen Napmeyer's property would be another option. Dan Nolan will speak with her in the next few weeks. Otherwise may need to go to Village Hall property. Jerry Foster is speaking with the Potawatomie tribe regarding a donation. They like the project and see it as favorable. A formal request is being sent to the tribe leaders. The next meeting for the tribe is next week. Committee discussed changing path into ditch along the Kaus property as an option.

501c3 Progress: Will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Maps and Brochures: Dan Nolan is looking for pricing to print maps.

Marketing: Jerry Foster reported that they are holding off on the website for now until landowners have agreed. Feeling that if Facebook it will need to be monitored very regularly for negative comments.

The next meeting will be on April 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Resource Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am by Dan Nolan, seconded by Wendy Schnorr.

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

/s/ _____ March 14, 2015