

# **Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes**

## **3/15/14 Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Jerry Foster  
Wendy Schnorr  
Frank Ottengheime  
Marc Cinnamon  
Curt Foster  
Jim Johnson  
Terry Hannan  
Al Aspengren  
Allison Kidd Probst

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

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

**Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2014 Meeting:** Al Aspengren motioned to approve the minutes. Marc Cinnamon seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

**Jim Johnson Regarding Monsanto Site Grant/Township Board Meeting:** Jim Johnson spoke to a retired DeKalb Ag Executive and discovered that Monsanto has a grant opportunity. Mr. Johnson submitted the application by the deadline of February 28, 2014 in order to get an identification number. The plant manager of the Waterman Monsanto is in support of the project. Jim Johnson spoke with the township trustees after submitting the application. They are willing to be left as the lead agency on the application for the time being. They do still have some questions and concerns about the project. Grant applications are accepted by Monsanto every year at the end of February. The committee discussed keeping the answers to use for future applications.

## **Report from Fundraising Sub Committee/ Landowners Dinner:**

Wendy Schnorr has created invitations and Curt Herrmann is lining up food for the dinner. Marc Cinnamon has had brochures created. The date of the dinner is April 9, 2014. Also discussed how many of the committee members would attend. Marc Cinnamon will have large maps to display at the dinner which will have detailed areas of the path. Terry Hannan stated that the forest preserve is committed to \$10,000.00 toward the path and is looking at possibly more funds. An email will be sent to the committee members to find out who will be able to attend. Jim Johnson asked if Rob Mullins had expressed interest. He has made comment of being interested. Mr. Johnson will speak with Mr. Mullins regarding his interest. Mr. Hannan will be able to do a power point presentation and speak regarding past trail projects.

The committee discussed fundraising for the committee to pursue new projects. Jim Johnson suggested interviewing 3 contacts he has for building a hotel and then contacting developers. .

**Discussion on Draft Resolution for Shabbona Village Board:** Jim Johnson said the township board isn't opposed but to the path but does not want to be in charge of liability and maintenance once the bike path is complete. The feeling is that it is time to involve the village in the bike path project and long term maintenance. Al Aspengren asked if it was appropriate to look at adding this to the responsibility of the forest preserve. Mr. Hannan said that some trails are maintained by the forest preserve. Cost of maintenance on an asphalt path will be higher. They may be willing to be a partner to assist with maintenance. He will bring this up in a future meeting. Al Aspengren would like the draft resolution go to all 5 entities and not just the village board. He wants a draft resolution for \$4000.00 from each of the entities. Jim Johnson said the first concern is how the path will be maintained in the future. There are numerous organizations within the community that may be willing to help with cleanup and maintenance of the path. Also an extension of the committee could be formed to assist with maintenance. Frank Ottengheime stated he felt that the village should be responsible for long term maintenance since they have full time employees and the majority of the path lies within the village limits. Jim Johnson discussed having quality products to build the path so maintenance charges are reduced. He wants this to be a draft resolution so that input could be added from the village, township and other entities. Jim Johnson will begin a draft that will be worked on by the committee and then will be reviewed by entities.

The committee also discussed having bank cooperation from both banks in town.

Terry Hannan also informed the committee that he can set up a reserve fund with the forest preserve. Funds are then set aside each year for repair/maintenance of the pathway. He also mentioned that the forest preserve may be willing to take ownership of the land. PDERMA is a company that insures park districts and forest preserves in Illinois. They may be able to insure the pathway.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Motioned by Al Aspengren, seconded by Jim Johnson

The next meeting will be on April 12, 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.

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