

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

3/23/13 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 10:05 A.M. at Pokanokas Restaurant in Shabbona, IL. The following members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan

Denny Sands

Jim Johnson

Marc Cinnamon

Al Aspengren

Linda Novotny

Wendy Schnorr

Jerry Foster

Frank Ottengheime

Terry Hannon

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizens Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2013 Meeting: Jerry Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Novotny seconded it. All in favor- Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of Bike Path:

Dan Nolan reported that Claudia advised him to talk to Randy about signage. A company from Minnesota should be able to do it.

Wayne Davies will talk to Norm, and the village and the township will work together on this.

Dan also brought up to the village about setting up an Economic Development Committee. The village can't vote until next meeting, they questioned the purpose, they were receptive to the idea. Jerry wondered if the pathway would help to set up the infrastructure for developing a group for a park district that way it would not be on the back of the village, but Al said that the village can apply for grants.

Denny – thought that the bike path and economic development would be separate, Al envisioned them together

A motion would be made Monday to make it a separate issue.

Claudia wants all board members to be on the economic, but they were concerned about the open meetings act

A discussion about the Majority of a quorum was discussed.

The school board wants the path to be beside the school not through it. The 3 foot concrete walkway to school would not be sufficient. The village does not have anything over this, the school maintains it and was put in by the county.

Norm suggests improvements to that part of the sidewalk.

School is supportive to the path going in front of the high school.

Denny wants this to help bring growth and he suggested that we look at the school for the parking and George suggests having designated space for parking.

You have to go through the school for any recreation events on the weekends or when school is not in session.

Terry Hanna arrived brought county map - talked about the Somonauk trail

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Draw on the maps for purposes routes and the county map guy will draw it out, forest preserve group is supportive of this venture. Terry explained that for the Somonauk trail, the land was annexed into the village and a intergovernmental agreement between village and forest preserve, they got a grant from DeKalb County Foundation. The village will patrol, county will also patrol, highway dept will be helping with the groundwork, low areas may cut and fill, or culvert, may asphalt , the landowner has access to his land and this will be in the resolution.

The more partners in a grant, the better, hours sunrise to sunset, 20 foot corridor with 8 foot pathway.

Cost of the Somonauk trail -\$24-25,000 highway department will help with it. Grade it, roll it , gravel for most of it with possible asphalt in some locations.

Shabbona path -1/2 of the path would be in the village and 1/2 would be zoned out for our path

Jerry - Talk of connecting the forest preserve and the village

Terry - green ways plan talks of this

Connect village to parks and other entities

Jim was concerned about whether the township could help. It would not want to go on private land, only public.

Terry mentioned that there is a 20 year easement for the DeKalb trail with a Com Ed easement

School at South Prairie is connected to the trail for student use

Dan – suggested that we make it a loop and then work it out in phases

A suggestion was made to involve Kishwaukee Hospital on this committee because of Dr. Purdy's property.

Jerry wondered if we needed to have a nursing home connection
Jim clarified that the railroad crossing would be at Illini
Jim agrees with Dan's route and thought that it should extend out to
Moccasin.

Dan looks to the future that it would go to Waterman and then all of
Preserve Rd.

Jerry Foster made a motion to adopt Dan's route, as drawn, with the
addition of going out to Moccasin , Al Aspengren seconded it.
Unanimous vote.

Speed limit change has to go through the state, Denny wants Gene to ask
the state to change the speed limit on Indian road, concerns with people
walkers.

Linda had concerns about the corner of preserve and shabbona with utility
structures.

Terry discussed how the Great Western Trail was maintained.

They use a 4 wheeler to spray trail on the lime trail.

He mentioned that ag lime has to go through a paving machine added
cost, but it is cheaper than asphalt.

\$50,000 a mile for asphalt according to Terry

There is additional grant money if it ties into the park, \$40,000?

The. Path will be on the north side of preserve,

Linda suggested that it goes farther down Indian Road

Jim suggests we focus on what we have it connecting to and then add that
on because that road has issues

Jerry has talked with Porter and he is supportive

Sewer plant has some issues but Norm is working that

Dan will go to school board to discuss the plan

Norm has talked to the Kaus' and they want fair market value

Jerry will talk with Klein about the L__ property.

Fire department, UCC church, Lions Club should be talked to about
trailhead

Sign issue will get taken care of Monday - concerns over the number of
signs 6 probably - county would provide posts

Al suggested painted crossway on Preserve Road - Randy could do that

Jim will talk to Gene about signage for Indian road, legal ramifications

Next meeting - April 20 meet at TBD at 9:00 either UCC, the fire barn or
Lions park