

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

4/12/14 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:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Wendy Schnorr
Jim Johnson
Linda Novotny
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. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson Regarding Monsanto Site Grant/Township Board Meeting: Jim Johnson has not heard from Monsanto but there may be a more information in June. He also reported that the Township Board discussed the revision in the route at the last meeting. They are also waiting for feedback from the village on the draft resolution.

Report from Fundraising Sub Committee/ Landowners Dinner: Adeline Ward is against the project. Kip Anderson is not in favor either. The committee discussed going with share the road along Preserve Road. Another alternative that Dan Nolan presented is to go south on Indian Road and cross into the forest preserve. The area is public land, although Indian Road would need some work. Jerry Foster spoke with Jim Kaus and they seem to be on board, their only concern is a cousin who lives in Texas and is part owner of the property. Jim Johnson discussed rounding the corners of the path. It would increase the land acquisition. Jerry Foster also spoke to John and Millie Martenson and they are open to the path on the south side of Preserve Road as well. Dan Nolan made a presentation to the school board regarding an alternate route through the school property. He is waiting for an answer from them. Jim Johnson also spoke with Paul Callighan from ComEd and he is positive about the project. They are in favor of an easement but do not want to sell.

Mrs. Lovering is still undecided but Jerry will follow up with her. Naming rights or plaques and benches could help to motivate.

A change in the trail behind Shraders needs to be made and still maintain privacy. If avoiding Shrader's property more land would need to be obtained from Kaus. If the path goes to the village hall then water and a bathroom facility would be available.

The township does not donate. Grants will continue to be explored. It was asked if raising the sales tax in Shabbona could be done to help the village with more money.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Motioned by Al Aspengren, seconded by Jim Johnson

The next meeting will be on May 17, 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/ _____ May 16, 2014