

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

4/20/13 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the United Church of Christ in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Kip Anderson
Marc Cinnamon
Linda Novotny
Wendy Schnorr
Jim Johnson
Vaughn Boehne
Frank Ottengheime
Al Aspengren
Charlie Foster
Kurt Hermann
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2013 Meeting: Frank Ottengheime motioned to approve the minutes. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Report From Village Board Meeting: Dan Nolan reported that he informed the Shabbona Village Board about the tentative route and discussed the need to have the landowners sign off before the proposed route can be placed on a map. He also mentioned the concern the Village Board has regarding financial costs.

Request From Indian Creek School Board Meeting: Vaughn Boehne informed the committee that the IC School Board was alright with the proposed route and signed the agreement for placing the line on the map along school grounds. Dan Nolan is planning to make a presentation to the board on May 20th.

Report From Property Owners: Norm Beeh spoke with the Kaus brothers and they appeared to be alright with the proposed route. There were a few questions regarding the north end of the route. Dan Nolan spoke with Kip Anderson and his letter has been signed. Kip was present and did ask where the money for the route was coming from. Dan explained that the money would come primarily from grants and possibly from some corporate funds. The next steps would be to identify costs. Attorney Ron Klein is approaching one of the landowners who

has yet to sign the letter. Charlie Foster suggested naming a portion of the trail after a family member as an extra incentive.

Discussion of Bike Path: Further discussion was held regarding portions of the trail within and near the state park. There were concerns that some of the trail would need to be closed at certain times of the year for hunting season as well during snowmobiling. Kip Anderson said one of his biggest concerns will be garbage from the path blowing into his field. Extra garbage cans could be placed to help eliminate this issue. The committee discussed the need for the trailheads to have parking. Dan Nolan said the fire department may have some available parking as well as the United Church of Christ. More parking could be added as needed.

The next step is to come up with a route so Norm Beeh can start to research pricing. This would need to be determined as well as set up an intergovernmental agreement. The parties involved would be the Village of Shabbona, Shabbona Township, Shabbona State Park and DeKalb County. The estimated pricing would include but not be limited to land acquisition costs, cost of path/ construction, signage, legal fees and operation costs. There was also discussion on doing the construction in phases and breaking the cost down accordingly.

Dan Nolan will give a proposed route to Norm Beeh and ask him and Keith Foster to come to the next meeting.

Jim Johnson mentioned he is having a hard time dropping the speed limit on Indian Road. Signage also at this time is problematic. It would be best to get a separate route.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at United Church of Christ.

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

/s/_____ May 31, 2013