

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

5/24/14 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Jim Johnson
Linda Novotny
Curt Herrmann
Marc Cinnamon
Charlie Foster
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2014 Meeting: Jerry Foster motioned to approve the minutes. Curt Herrmann seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Landowner Update: Dan Nolan will speak with both Shrader and Napmeyer to discuss tying the path into Cherokee Street. Jerry Foster will have a meeting with Ron Klein on Wednesday at Egg Haven to discuss the Lovering property. Jerry Foster also talked to Bill Mullins about the pathway. He does have some resistance regarding his property on S. Indian Road.

Discussion on South Route: There is a fen (untouchable) land in the area. Engineering costs will increase. It is unknown the cost of a study of the wetland. Jim Johnson and Marc Cinnamon can check costs. Dan Nolan will also contact Scott Brown at Wendler Engineering. Jim Johnson recommended placing a natural barrier along the path to screen Mullins property.

Discussion on Jerry Foster's Meeting with DCEDC Advisory Board:

Jerry Foster presented to the DCEDC regarding economic development, the pathway, and a beach at the state park. Paul Callighan is the chairperson. Feedback was very positive.

Jim Johnson informed the board that Monsanto will is unable to fund the project at this time. Mr. Johnson sent a request to Monsanto for information to improve chances next time. The DeKalb County Foundation grant deadline is September 1st.

George Bellovics provided clarifications on need for a 10 foot path. He is recommending the RTP grant (Recreational Trail Program), it is an 80% match. The maximum limit is \$250,000.

Jim Johnson feels the committee should go for high grant amounts. RTP has less rules but requires snowmobiles.

The ComEd grant cycle time is coming up and Jerry Foster will call Paul Callighan to set up a meeting.

The Potowotamie Tribal Council dedication of a new sign at the Forest Preserve is June 7th, all are encouraged to attend.

Curt Herrmann suggested that a press release to get the word out about the pathway might be needed, but Jim Johnson wants to find out when the next ITEP grant cycle is first.

Dan Nolan will be going back to the School Board meeting on June 18th. He will ask either Vaughn Boehne or Dr. Rockwood if a vote will take place.

Fehr Graham may need to be consulted to help on the ITEP grant.

Americorp 2015: Americorp is coming to Illinois and is looking at 2015 to work in Shabbona. They would like to come and discuss this with the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. Motioned by Dan Nolan, seconded by Jim Johnson

The next meeting will be on July 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.

/s/ _____ July 10, 2014