

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

7/12/14 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jerry Foster
Frank Ottengheime
Jim Johnson
Linda Novotny
Wendy Schnorr
Curt Herrmann
Al Aspengren
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2014 Meeting: Curt Herrmann motioned to approve the minutes. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Landowner Update: A meeting was held with Paul Callighan of ComEd and he is very supportive of the project. An easement is the best option for ComEd. He also informed Dan Nolan that grant opportunities will be available in February. Dan Nolan also went and spoke to the school board again. They had some questions but did not vote yet.

Landowner Update/Discussion on South Route: Dan Nolan spoke to Carol Napmeyer and Mike Shrader. He is in favor of the project but is concerned about privacy along the back of his yard. He wants to be assured of some sort of privacy and is most interested in an easement. Jerry and Dan have not spoken to Ron Klein, it is undetermined if a legal description is needed and exactly how much land is needed. The south route is still being examined. The FEN may create more engineering costs. Jim Johnson said he feels the committee should continue to work both angles and see if going along Preserve Road is still an option. Further discussion was held regarding striping the road or widening it. Dawn is willing to help with the necessary steps to go through the wetlands. A new walk with George Bellovics may be necessary.

DeKalb County Foundation Information: Applications for a grant are online from July 1- Sept. 1. Wendy Schnorr has a list of needed items and an answer should be given by November 1st.

Jim Johnson did not get an answer from Monsanto as to why the grant application was rejected. Dan Nolan spoke to his brother-in-law who works for Monsanto and he said he would support the project.

Jim Johnson mentioned contacting FPL and was informed that there may be a budget for regional needs. Frank Ottengheime said to contact Neil Palmer with FPL.

Market the Pathway: Jerry Foster spoke with Diana Shott from Resource Bank about needing start up money. Home rule could bring in an additional \$70,000-\$100,00 to the village. Diana said it is important to get a lot of support from the community for the project. One recommendation is to find 10 people willing to donate \$1000 each. It is important to involve the schools and the sports teams. A subcommittee for marketing was formed with the following people: Jerry Foster, Curt Herrmann, Al Aspengren, Wendy Schnorr, Allison Kidd Probst. Jerry will find out if Diana Shott can come to the next meeting to discuss ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. Motioned by Al Aspengren, seconded by Curt Herrmann.

The next meeting will be on August 16, 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/_____ August 21, 2014