

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

8/24/13 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the United Church of Christ in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Jim Johnson
Marc Cinnamon
Wendy Schnorr
Linda Novotny
Vaughn Boehne
Charlie Foster
Brian Dallas
Frank Ottengheime
Al Aspengren
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2013 Meeting: Wendy Schnorr motioned to approve the minutes. Al Aspengren seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Detail Review of the Proposed Route: Dan discussed the issues of running the path along Shabbona Road and the effects it would have on property owners. There is also a concern as to whether put the path on the north or south side of Preserve Road. There is a better sightline on the north side. The committee seemed to feel the north side of Preserve Road would be better for the path. Jim Johnson has already contact Paul Callaghan with Com Ed regarding the power plant. Dan Nolan has discussed with Carey Novak the idea of a 3 way stop at the entrance to the park.

Denny Sands sent a letter stating concern over bikes on the trails within the state park. Dan Nolan felt that the park would need to be responsible for maintaining their own paths. The committee agreed.

Another issue discussed with having the path on the south side of Preserve is that it would need to be closed during hunting season. A barricade of some sort would need to be put in place. The park is excited about bringing more people to the paths.

One change to the proposed route was access the subdivision at the corner of Moccasin and Preserve instead of running along the west property of Jim Johnson.

Terry Hannan notified Dan Nolan that the Forest Preserve Committee may be willing to donate a sum toward the bike path. More information would be needed to before they could vote.

Dan Nolan also mentioned his thoughts on the path along Cherokee and Illini. His thought is to take 8 feet off the curb along Cherokee and designate as the bike path. This would affect parking

on one side of the road. Linda Novotny also mentioned about possibly extending this along Navaho. There are quite a few more cars that park along this road. The committee agreed to the few modifications and approved the route.

Start Cost Estimating Process: There will need to be subcommittees to work on different areas. Discussion on grants and matching process and what the next steps will be.

Marc Cinnamon said 2.1 miles will need improvements ranging from clearing to paving. How do we go about the land we need to acquire? Need to differentiate between taking title to it or taking easement of the property. The discussion was then who would own the land, would it be the village? There was a discussion on creating a non-profit organization. Vaughn Boehne estimated that approximately 5 acres would need to be acquired. The committee also discussed the option of creating a park district. It may be possible use the Indian Creek Recreation to see if they could be used as the organization to help with the funds for the path.

Dan Nolan would like to bring in Steve Buchel from Homewood. He has worked on paths closer to Chicago. He has a grant writing background that could be helpful.

Dan Nolan discussed and appointed the following to committees area:

Jerry Foster and Jim Johnson talk to landowners.

Brian Dallas to be in charge of ADA compliance.

Al Aspengren real estate and property values.

Marc Cinnamon on tree control and measurement.

Norm Beeh work on utilities and easements.

Wendy Schnorr and Linda Novotny signage committee

Dan Nolan asked if there anyone knows of a surveyor. Wendy Schnorr may know someone.

Dan also discussed options on getting the word out about the project to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. Motioned by Charlie Foster, seconded by Marc Cinnamon.

The next meeting will be on October 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church of Christ.

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

/s/ _____ August 24, 2013