

Shabbona Pathway Committee Minutes

10/14/23 Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Shabbona Pathway Committee was called to order on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. at Village Hall, 206 S. Blackhawk Street, Shabbona IL. The following committee members/advisors were present:

Title	Name	Present	Not Present	Title	Name	Present	Not Present
Village	Mark Cinnamon and Geoff Cooker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing	Dan Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Preserve	Josh Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning	Curt Herrmann	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School District	Josh Merchant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residents	Jen Morrison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Township	Jim Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	Wendy Schnorr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fire Dept.	Matt Hinkston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others Present: none
Allison Kidd Probst - absent

Additions to the Agenda: Geoff Cooker will be representative for the Village and Marc will be the alternate – recommendation for change in Village representative will be on Village Board 10/23 Agenda. Geoff would like to see more progress and see this get done.

Citizen’s Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2023 Meeting: Josh Clark motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Marc Cinnamon seconded. All in favor voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Johnson provided the treasurer’s report for review. Financials are same just a little interest added in.

Bills: Jim said that the amount for engineering was less than anticipated so there is plenty of money in the grant to pay for Phase I engineering. Will be less than \$16,000 than is in the grant.

NICE Center Walk 9-16-23: Dan thanked everyone for their help, since he had another obligation during the walk. Marc thought it went pretty well, mostly took care of itself. Bit of mix-up at the start, started off about 20 minutes earlier than expected. Had 8-9 younger kids that may have been part of a cross country team. Clean up was easy and all went well. Somewhere between 20-30 people. Getting pathway done also has goal is to help keep the walk going.

Grant Report: Jim reported that Thursday he got a new curveball – got a call from engineer and IDOT local roads representative and they met with Jim yesterday. IDOT got a call from Springfield and if there are any pathways that haven’t started yet, Springfield wants to use state monies instead of federal. Good news is there is a lot less hoops as less rules for state monies

than federal, scope of work for engineer decreases and little bit of stuff approved in Springfield but most will be approved by Local Roads Engineer in Ottawa. The bad news is that after all the time working to get federal flexible match into this, it has disappeared and took away \$70,000 of money from what was lined up. Jim pulled up the original cost estimate that was done on 10/28/2020 and was based on work being done in 2022. Another thing is that 80% federal would pay and would now be paid by state and it will be 100%, for engineering since it is agreement with township would possibly need to do a line of credit again. Bottom line is that pay engineer, then submit to IDOT and get reimbursed and pay back line of credit. The actual money was \$440,000 will be paid out dollar for dollar as long as it lasts. The hard part is that the original cost estimate was \$460,000 construction and \$90,000 for engineering = \$550,000 project. The agreement the Township just did is no longer going to be valid as it will need to be a state contract instead, so new agreement will need to be approved fairly quickly by township in order to keep engineer moving. The \$110,000 engineering to pathway: \$90,000 - \$16,000 from grant = \$94,000 that pathway needs to come up with. In terms of weather that stays the same is the big "IF" in this. Jim thinks the engineering cost will be less and Phase II construction engineering will go down as well. The big question is where have the labor and material costs have gone, were the original numbers padded enough. Dan said that Noah Carmichael of Fehr Graham should be able to come up with % increases. Right now it is unknown how much money we will have to come up with. One thing suggested by IDOT local roads engineer is to talk with the Village – Township doesn't have anything to gain from this but the Village does. MFT monies from Village is one possible source as if the Village requests to use MFT it would get approved. Jim is considering going to talk to the mayor today after the meeting. IDOT Local Roads engineer suggested that Pathway doesn't contact Chuck Hart but maybe the Village will intervene. Jim's thought is to go at him with an extremely high per acre request as it is a small amount of land. Example offer \$100,000 an acre and would cost about \$13,500 total. Geoff said that money may not get right away for pathway so that may not be what convinces. Maybe offer to name that section of pathway after him. Jim just wants to make sure all bases have been covered before we walk away from right away option of the 20' or adjust to 6-7' just to get around the Nicor vault. Marc said that in this situation, he thinks we need to exhaust all other options before going another route. Jim said that we don't have any other safe way to get pathway out of town on this west leg.

Next pathway meeting is November 11, 2023, at the Village Hall, 206 S. Blackhawk Street.

Adjournment: Marc Cinnamon to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am, Josh seconded. All in favor voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee submitted by Jen Morrison on behalf of Allison Kidd Probst, October 14, 2023

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