Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

10/18/14 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at the Resource Bank in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

Dan Nolan
Frank Ottengheime
Wendy Schnorr
Al Aspengren
Linda Novotny
Curt Herrmann
Allison Kidd Probst

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

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

Draft Resolution: Jim Johnson passed out a revised draft resolution. Al Aspengren stated he felt the County Forest Preserve should take the lead on the maintenance of the project. The committee discussed the need to run incoming money from donations and grants through a 501c3 organization. Next Era has pledged \$10,000 for the project. Also discussed the need for a budget to determine startup costs so the committee can use this in obtaining support for the project. Wendy Schnorr will talk with Jerry Foster to start a budget. A spring fling for March was discussed. Frank Ottengheime asked if the state park can be added to the list to ask for money. The state park cannot spend money outside of the state park. The state park will need a copy of the resolution even if they cannot give money. Al Aspengren wants to give the resolution to other organizations like the Mason's, Business Association, Knights of Columbus, etc. Jim Johnson will make changes to the draft resolution to define lead agencies and maintaining the path. Al Aspengren thinks the Village will lead with the money and handle the money. Also discussed having a CPA to help handle the money for transparency. Mr. Johnson will find out from Next Era how the 501c3 will need to be set up.

Fehr Graham said they thought there is a good chance of getting a grant. Jim Johnson mentioned having Fehr Graham come and talk to the committee at the next meeting. Local support will also help in getting the grant. Dan Nolan will ask a representative from Fehr Graham to come to the next meeting.

Dan Nolan presented a rough draft of FAQ's and they were reviewed. Changes were suggested and Dan will rework the changes and then they will be presented to a focus group.

Dan Nolan will also present the resolution to the Village Board at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on inviting Paul Borek and First State Bank to one of the meetings. Jim Johnson felt the committee should ask the banks to loan money at the beginning of construction.

Curt Herrmann will design a timeline/flowchart for the next meeting.

Americorp may come to an upcoming meeting possibly in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next meeting will be on November 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Resource Bank.

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

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