Shabbona Pathway Committee Minutes

11/11/23 Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Shabbona Pathway Committee was called to order on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 8:02 A.M. at Village Hall, 206 S. Blackhawk Street, Shabbona IL. The following committee members/advisors were present:

Title	Name	Present	Not	Title	Name	Present	Not	
			Present				Present	
Village	Geoff	\boxtimes		Marketing	Dan			
	Cooker				Nolan			
Forest	Josh Clark			Planning	Curt		\boxtimes	
Preserve					Herrmann			
School	Josh		\boxtimes	Residents	Jen			
District	Merchant				Morrison			
Township	Jim Johnson	\boxtimes		Finance	Wendy			
_					Schnorr			
Fire	Matt			_				
Dept.	Hinkston							

Others Present: none Allison Kidd Probst - absent

Additions to the Agenda: none

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2023 Meeting: Josh Clark motioned to approve the minutes, Geoff Cooker seconded. All in favor voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Johnson provided the treasurer's report for review.

Bills: Jim said that nothing currently. Jim has received two different contracts from the engineers. Because it is now state funding, need to have an official state engineer contract. He got Shabbona Township board approval to sign the contract. The previous agreement is nullified as it was never signed. There will be bills for engineering—similar to how it worked for the first section of pathway: Pathway transfers money to Township and Township pays the bill(s). May need to get another line of credit for the \$16,500.

Grant Report: Jim provided financial information for 2nd Segment of Pathway. The earliest it can be out for bid is August 2024 letting. Would need to raise a minimum of \$46,815.35. Jim recommends planning to raise a minimum of \$75,000 in order to ensure our portion of funding is covered. Jim asked about forming a fund-raising sub-committee. Dan said there are some benefactors that we can talk to. Jim asked what if bid comes back out of line, Noah Carmichael of Fehr Graham said that bid can be rejected. There are 6 bid lettings in 2024, the last one is in October. Jim has talked with our local roads engineer, Steve Chery – Steve said that the federal flexible match doesn't give money anyways, Federal Statutes and Federal Department of Transportation that rules set up by IDOT keep the federal match program from working as expected. Dan asked if we need \$75,000 in commitments or in hand. Jim said that we would

need firm commitments – written commitment on file could be done if necessary. We would reserve money in our accounts and if anything changes, we will return money to donors.

Wendy Schnorr, Jim Johnson, and Dan Nolan will be sub-committee. December 9 will be the first fund-raising committee meeting (instead of a regular pathway meeting). Anyone who wants to attend fund-raising committee meeting is welcome. Meta puts out their next community action grants in Spring 2024.

Next pathway committee meeting is TBD, at the Village Hall, 206 S. Blackhawk Street.

Adjournment: Josh Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am, Geoff Cooker 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, November 11, 2023