

Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

12/14/13 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee was called to order on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the United Church of Christ in Shabbona IL. The following committee members/ advisors were present:

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

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizen's Addressing the Board: None

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2013 Meeting: Al Aspengren motioned to approve the minutes with amendment. Jerry Foster seconded. All in favor Aye. Motion carried.

Report from Fehr Graham: Jerry Foster, Dan Nolan, Jim Johnson and Charlie Foster met with Fehr Graham. They felt it was a simple plan and not too complicated. They provided an overview of a few different grant applications. Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources was one option, with a \$200,000.00 maximum and can be slow moving. The second is also a \$200,000.00 which can hurt project and may make it difficult to receive multiple grants. The drawing also needs to be clearer in the village area to show that the path exists within town. ITEP is a third option and appears to be most financial feasible and does not have a limit. Ottawa and DeKalb have received grants in the past that were approximately the amount we need. They give more money but it will cost more due to stringent requirements that ITEP has. The project must meet all federal guidelines to qualify for funds. Once approved for this grant then the committee could go back to DNR grant to try and get 50% on the 20% of the match for the ITEP. The remaining are for motorized paths. The federal grant cannot be used as a match. In the process it will be important to identify each section of the path and why it is important. Kurt Hermann asked if it would be less expensive to do 3 grant applications rather than individually. Dan Nolan will contact Fehr Graham. Jim Johnson suggested a FOIA request to IDOT to see what the past successful applications for the ITEP grant have provided. This will give an idea of what is needed. Mr. Johnson will put this together. The feeling is that the village should be the applicant. The maintenance could be the village's responsibility. Frank Ottenheime also feels the township should be involved to make it look better on the application process. Jerry Foster also feels the school district should

be asked if they would like to be included. Private donors and corporations could be used to fund the project.

The committee also feels the local representatives should be talked to. Frank Ottengheime asked if the Prairie Band Potawatomie Tribe should also be contacted. The thought is to link the cultural center to the path.

Americorp Discussion: National division of Peace Corp. that works only within the continental U.S. Steve Butchel would like to bring this to Illinois. His intention would be to have them work on trails and thought of Shabbona. Sponsorship and housing would need to be provided. Dan Nolan thought of the high school as a place to house them. Americorp can be used for 4 or 8 weeks. Jerry Foster could talk to some sponsors. The concern that needs to be addressed is how this could affect the grant process.

Construction Cost Estimates: Jim Johnson determined the cost of engineering is more than originally anticipated. One project in DeKalb was \$200,000.00 in engineering costs. Mr. Johnson increased the estimated engineering cost to approximately \$118,000.00. Fehr Graham estimated the construction cost at \$600,000.00 so another \$140,000.00 was added to the original estimate. The new estimate is now \$700,000- \$900,000 for everything, including land acquisitions.

Curt Foster mentioned the placing a pathway contingency in any future housing developments. Currently a Planned Unit Development is in discussion with the village board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. Motioned by Dan Nolan, seconded by Marc Cinnamon.

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church of Christ.

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

/s/ _____ December 14, 2013