

MEQUON/THIENSVILLE BIKE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Friday June 28th, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were: C. Leonard, T. Mooney, J. Treffert, K. Wade (excused 10:40 a.m.) and J. & H. Ward. For the City of Mequon: K. Lundeen and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of May 31, 2013.

Discussion: O. Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes. T. Mooney asked that under item 9 one of the "questioned the" be removed. T. Mooney moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Carol Leonard seconded. A voice vote was called. All approved 6-0 1 absent.

RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

3. Resident Concerns:

Cycling Safety Concern – Interurban Trail at Mequon Rd
Highland Road – Speed Limit Sign

Discussion:

1. **Cycling Safety Concern-Interurban Trail at Mequon Road.** O. Frets stated that the Police Dept. wanted to bring a concern recently received by e-mail from a resident truck driver with regards to this location. All hazmat trucks are required by law to stop at railroad tracks. To cyclists it appears that they are yielding to allow them to cross. J. Ward said that we need to enlighten the bikers that the trucks aren't stopping for them and that this isn't the only place that this is going to happen. H. Ward suggested that maybe a bigger caution sign for the bikers to help make the bikers aware that this is a very busy road. C. Leonard mentioned that vehicles need to stop for pedestrians in the cross walk and there is a crosswalk there. K. Wade suggested getting more legal advice. T. Mooney said all cyclists should stop and yield. He said we should check with the State DOT Tom Heuber and the Bike Federation. O. Frets mentioned that we should send a letter and drawing to the DOT and see what they recommend. T. Treffert also suggested acknowledging Sergeant Heinen for bringing this to our attention and that we are looking into it. K. Lundeen said that this portion of the road is a connecting highway and is under the jurisdiction of the City.
2. **Highland Road – Speed Limit sign.** O. Frets said there are no school signs. C. Leonard mentioned that there are two 35 mph signs right in the middle of two 20 mph school signs. H. Ward asked if this was a Public Safety concern and suggests that this should go to Public Safety. K. Lundeen just wanted to point out the memo shows that residents are taking the initiative to bike and walk to school even without the support of the school district. K. Lundeen said that the signs would be taken care of with the proper placement. K. Lundeen also stated that N. Check had gotten back to the resident regarding the sign.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Planned Events:

Bikefest – K. Wade & O. Frets

Discussion: H. Ward said that the drawing for prizes was a combination of the Bike to Work Week and Bikefest with the winners to be drawn at the end of today's meeting. H. Ward felt that it was a good turnout for Bikefest. No one participated in the yoga/massage. C. Wucherer was there with Thiensville's new bike. Neil Russo was there as well to help. O. Frets said that another planned event was coming up at Concordia with discount tickets available for a Chinooks game with Professor Bessert giving tours. O. Frets also said that a revised events flyer would be posted on the web site. K. Wade asked about mountain biking. O. Frets said the trails were not done for July 13th and may not happen due to the weather. K. Wade said it was a beautiful park and her kids loved it.

5. Bike Racks: B. Mack

Locations
Fiddleheads

Discussion: O. Frets said that there was nothing new to report. H. Ward mentioned that the minimum order for logos for the racks was \$18.00. O. Fret said we would wait on the stickers for now.

6. Bicycle Friendly Community
Application

Joint Mequon/Thiensville – T. Mooney & O. Frets

Discussion: T. Mooney stated that he and O. Frets met with John Krueger our designated representative from the School Board. He is a track and field coach at Homestead High School. T. Mooney found out that one trimester out of three there is an outdoor adventure course which offers bike maintenance, road rules and instruction, and so forth; students bring their own bike. There will be a one week camp this summer July 15th-18th at Middle School which includes cycling. The Homestead Bike Club has dissolved three to four years ago for lack of interest. John Krueger stated that there is no interest from the Superintendent for bike or walk to school and believes busing is safer.

7. Community Involvement – T. Mooney
Impromptu Rides
Ozaukee Bicycle Club

Discussion: T. Mooney states that we were concentrating on the Harrington Beach Ride with Dave Harney and would like to get some more publicity out on that. T. Mooney said he would contact K. Wade.

8. OIT Improvement – Bonniwell Substation Revision – K. Lundeen

Discussion: K. Lundeen said that one more alignment had been added to the chart as well as meeting on site to look at the alignments. We Energies is willing to amend their license agreement for the relocation of the path. They will work with ATC on the easement for their lines on the path. The new fence will be installed first, and then the old fence will be taken down. There should be no disruption to traffic during the construction. The bid should be let sometime in early 2014 with the completion in the fall of 2014.

9. Signs

Branding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: Nothing further to report at this time.

10. Additional Connections

Green Bay Road in Thiensville/Mequon

Donges Bay – K. Lundeen

Discussion:

1. J. Treffert said that Green Bay Road is done. H. Ward said she is anxious to see the completion as a recent article in the paper stated that one spot doesn't have lanes on both sides.

2. K. Lundeen reported that on July 9th that Donges Bay Rd work was going back to the Public Works Committee. The memo discusses the potential for the Bike Lanes. Engineering will be recommending against the construction of bicycle lanes. This will be from Wausaukee to the bridge at the Little Menomonee just west of Lemke Park. Staff recommendation is to go to a 26' wide road section. H. Ward questioned if a path is recommended, would it be an off road path. K. Lundeen said that was the recommendation. Letters were sent to the homeowners that would be impacted by the path. There were 63 letters sent and that we received responses from 21 of them. Of these, one third are opposed to bike lanes. The rest are supportive of bike lanes in some form. T. Mooney asked when a copy of the report would be available. K. Lundeen replied that it would be posted on the City website Friday July 5th.

11. Other Business

Bikeway Budget

Next meeting August 2, 2013

Discussion: O. Frets said that our yearly budget appears to be \$80.41. This includes the website renewal of \$12.41, \$18.00 for Bike Rack sticker and \$50.00 water for bike runs. O. Frets felt that the web site was more and would check with K. Wade. K. Lundeen reminded everyone to tie the budget request to a purpose outlined in the ordinance.

12. Adjourn

J. Treffert motioned to Adjourn.

H. Ward reminded everyone we need to draw the prizes first.

J. Treffert withdrew his motion.

C. Leonard drew the names and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Complementary Bike Tune-up from **Belgianwerkx** – Tom Hemr

Session with a Personal Trainer at **Pure Fitness** – Jim Plomann

5-Ride Spin Session Pass at **Velocity Cycling Studio** – Janet Shahrokhi

O. Frets asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

J. Treffert motioned to adjourn.

T. Mooney second.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.