



Mequon/Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission
Friday April 4th, 2014 at 9:15 a.m.
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were C. Leonard, J. Liegeois (9:42 a.m.), J. Treffert, K. Wade and J. & H. Ward. Guest J. Krueger, Homestead High School. For the City of Mequon: K. Lundeen, and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of January 31, 2014.

Discussion: O. Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes of January 31st. J. Treffert moved to approve the minutes of January 31st. K. Wade seconded. A voice vote was called. The motion passed 6-0 with 1 excused.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Planned Events - K. Wade & O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets noted that Bike to Work Week is the week of May 16th and Arbor Day is April 27th. O. Frets has been trying to contact Mayor Abendroth who is out of town and hopes to contact him next week. Thiensville President, Van Mobley will not be able to do the ride to Concordia due to an injury but would be happy to attend the send off. The ride will occur on Wednesday May 14th if this is agreeable with Mayor Abendroth. Final details will be available at our next meeting. H. Ward mentioned that we should be sure to get it on the electronic board for everyone to be aware of. K. Lundeen also reminded O. Frets to get it to L. Prosser for the e-news.

O. Frets also mentioned that Arbor Day is on April 27th and asked for a volunteer(s) to man the table at the Logemann Center from 1:00-3:00. H. Ward has a box of items available to hand out and mentioned that you should be able answer questions about the bike paths. C. Leonard accepted the box and will attend the event, as well as contacting K. Baker that she will be there.

Bikefest will be June 7th. We will have a table there. We will be in contact with Chad Wucherer & Scott Nicholson for the exact date.

4. Bicycle Friendly Community

a. Application

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

Discussion: O. Frets said that we have applied and is waiting to hear from someone if they will be sending anyone out to verify the application and whether it will move forward or not. K. Lundeen mentioned that at Common Council the Application was pulled from the Consent Agenda so that the Commissioners could give their accolades and commendations to the Bikeway Commission for all their hard efforts in getting this application ready.

5. Community Involvement

a. Impromptu Rides – T. Mooney

Discussion: Nothing further at this time.

6. OIT Improvement

a. Bonniwell Substation Revision – K. Lundeen

b. Accident at Donges Bay & Interurban Trail

Discussion:

a.) K. Lundeen said that we are at a cross roads with We Energies. We are waiting for approval of a realignment of the trail that would make it less intrusive to the wetlands and an easier process with the DNR. There will be no construction until 2015.

K. Lundeen also mentioned that under our Road Improvements program, we will be doing crack sealing on the OIT with contributions from Thiensville and Cedarburg for their portions of the trail. It is likely that the trail will need to be closed a minimum amount of time when this work is done.

- b.) A mirror has been put up for now and lines have been painted. Otherwise this item is on hold until the substation project is completed.

7. Signs

- a.) Banding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: Still on hold.

8. Bikeway Path Signage

- a.) Dead End Road Signs. – H. Ward
- b.) Route Signage

Discussion:

- a.) K. Lundeen asked for a map that she can give to the section foreman and Don C. for their evaluation. K. Lundeen also said that we can't find a sign that already exists and will need to see what the cost would be to make it and to see if there is any funding for this.
- b.) Route signage is unrealistic in that it would require too many signs. However, K. Lundeen stated that if there is an unsafe road/conditions she would look into it.

9. Other Business

- a.) Website: mtoutdoors.org
 - 1. Fees
 - 2. Update

Discussion: K. Wade brought up that the domain name (hosting name – MTOutdoors.org) is registered under former Commissioners Jim Heyer's account, for which he also receives the billing statement and has paid (\$15) rather than let it expire. He is asking to have this changed. K. Lundeen and B. Vento worked with the Cities IT Dept. to have an e-mail account set up so that any information that is sent to (bikeway.ci.wi.us) is forwarded to O. Frets. It was also set up so that when O. Frets is no longer Chairman of the board this e-mail account can be easily forwarded to the new chairman in the future. The issue still remains who will pay the fee for the domain name. MTOutdoors.org could also be registered to be part of bikeway.ci.wi.us so they stay together. K. Wade said she also has bikeMequon.org which she pays for under her own account and would like placed here as well. O. Frets check the process for moving the names said that someone needs to set up an account and give permission for the name to be transferred over to it. H. Ward stated there is still a yearly cost. H. Ward asked K. Lundeen how do we get that paid. K. Lundeen replied that this commission does not have a budget. H. Ward said that she had spoken to D. Curran, Park Board and he said something like that could come under his budget. K. Lundeen said that the City maintains a web site which you are able to contribute things to with the availability of the city's web master. O. Frets said that purchasing the domain helps in searching things related to biking and hence the cost. K. Lundeen asked the Bikeway Commission if they would consider some fund raising activities to also help fund some of these items.

K. Lundeen also mentioned that maybe this group would like to pursue a joint meeting with the Park Board to discuss some of their efforts. The Park Board has a lot more power with the DNR to get grants. We've talked a lot about different issues that carry over, but a good example would be the off road bike path near Lemke Park. A resident from the subdivision west of there is disappointed that an off road path wasn't put in. Perhaps this would be a good project to work with the Park Board on once the Substation is done. O. Frets asked how do we go about setting up a meeting. K. Lundeen said you just ask them for a date that is appropriate for a joint meeting as this group is subject to the open records laws. J. Treffert asked if this group should be a part of the Park Board Group. K. Lundeen replied that that then removes the joint Mequon/Thiensville part of it as the Park Board is only Mequon.

O. Frets asked K. Wade to find out the transfer fee from godaddy.com for the web site and also to check with google.

Donges Bay: The project will be added back to the agenda to start looking at still adding an off-road path. Carrie Fochs from the Council Hills Subdivision would still like to see something done. K. Lundeen will forward the last e-mail from Carrie to O. Frets.

County Line Rd: H. Ward asked the status of County Line Road. K. Lundeen stated the west end was awarded with the City of Milwaukee with the final completion date of July 15 and on Tuesday if awarded the joint portion with Brown Deer from 68th street to railroad tracks east of Garden Dr. There will be 4ft paved shoulders on both sections and Brown Deer is putting sidewalks in the south side for the section on the east end. It does not go through to the trail, but Brown Deer has indicated that it will make it a future project.

Next meeting is May 2, 2014

10. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by John Ward. Carol Leonard second.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.