



Mequon/Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission
Friday March 6th, 2015 at 9:15 a.m.
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

MINUTES

Current Member Listing –

City of Mequon:

Terence Mooney, John Ward, Kristin Wade
Carol Leonard

Village of Thiensville:

Orlando Frets, **Chairman**, John Treffert, John Liegeois

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were Chairman Frets, C. Leonard, J. Liegeois (9:30 a.m.), T. Mooney (9:30 a.m.) J. Treffert (Left 10:30 a.m.), K. Wade, J. & H. Ward. For the City of Mequon Will Jones, City Administrator, K. Lundeen Director of Public Works/Engineering and B. Vento Administrative Secretary.

2. Review Minutes of January 9th, 2015.

Chairman Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes of 01/09/15. J. Treffert moved to approve. K. Wade seconded. A voice vote was called. The motion passed 7-0.

RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

3. Resident Concerns

Discussion: K. Lundeen asked to have this item included on the agenda incase any of the residents of Fairy Chasm decided to attend todays meeting. If you will recall there was an issue of the inter neighborhood connection in the southwest corner of the city and came up yet again. Being that none of the residents appeared, the Commission decided to continue.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Priority Information List - O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets mentioned that we were waiting for any upcoming road projects that would cause us to change the list. K. Lundeen said the current contracts aren't finalized yet so there isn't a list. K. Lundeen check for a map showing the road program and said there wasn't anything on the list that would be affected by this program. H. Ward asked about the completion of County Line Road. K. Lundeen mentioned the missing piece will be completed this year.

5. OIT Improvement –

- a. Bonniwell Substation Revision – Kristen Lundeen
- b. Accident at Donges Bay & Interurban Trail – (On Hold until October)

Discussion:

- a.) L. Lundeen stated that WisDot has to give us approval to award the contract. The project has been bid out and came in under estimate and we will be recommending approval at the April meeting. We have to get approval from the state to award the actual project. That's where we are at this point. Once we get the approval we will be asking the Public Works Committee, then the Common Council for approval to award the project. After that there will be contract execution, a preconstruction meeting with a final completion date in mid summer.
- b.) O. Fret stated that this item us on hold until the substation is completed. This will be discussed on the October Schedule.

6. Signs

Branding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: J. Treffert said that nothing has been done yet.

7. Interconnecting Trails – J. Treffert

a. Signage

b. Trail marking

Discussion: J. Treffert said that Thiensville was looking to put a bridge over the ditch at the Prime Minister and that Andy Lafond was pursuing that. J. Treffert is hoping that at some point we could resurrect the efforts to put up signs at the interconnecting trails through the suburbs. J. Treffert also mentioned that at some point maybe we could paint the signs on the trails so you can see that there is a connection to another trail. K. Lundeen mentioned that there are legal issues for marking bike lanes, bike routes and generally speaking Mequon does not meet the minimum requirements for those. K. Lundeen reminded everyone that this commission does not have a budget to make or put up the signs. We do have a list already prepared by J & H Ward for placement of the signs that are needed. T. Mooney mentioned that a boy scout had done it previously and maybe we could ask them to do it again. H. Ward said that it was just a logo painted at the beginning of a connection and not on any city roads.

8. Bike Racks – O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets contacted Kit Keller of the Bike Federation and she contacted Sarurs for us and they are going to give us three prices on bike racks. They can even do the logos on the racks. When they are purchased they can do a drop ship at the City or Village. They will need to be secured by bolting and whoever purchases them should be able to do that.

9. Off Road Bike Path on Donges Bay – Deferred Until Sub Station Completed

Discussion: K. Lundeen said that when we come back with the budget balance. At this point the funding limits from the city have been about \$30,000. You would have to probably save for about seven years before we would be up to that cost. You will need to look for a Grant process or capital request for that specific project above and beyond the bikeway construction. The right-of way through there is pretty limited.

10. Education – K. Wade & J. Krueger

a. Share and Be Aware

Discussion: K. Wade talked to the Wisconsin Bike Federation looking into what opportunities, with the budgeting that we have, which is zero and really there are no courses that they provide for schools or Drivers Ed that are free. What they do provide which is free is if we would have events such as Bike Fest, Family Fund Before the Fourth, Taste of Mequon, those are things that if we planned in advance they would come for free and educate people how to bike within the community. They are open to giving you any information. Maybe we could have them come to the Farmers Market a couple times during the summer. O. Frets asked where we would get the most bang for our buck by having them come to our events. O. Frets said we would have to contact the Fun Before the Fourth Committee to secure a spot. J. Treffert mentioned that A. LaFond is a member of that committee and to send him a note. K. Wade will check what days, how much space is needed for the Farmers Market and coordinate with Jessy Daily. J. Treffert suggested just doing the Fun Before the Fourth.

11. Park Board & Bike Commission Joint Meeting-Frets

a. Bridge Over Donges Bay

b. Commercials

Discussion: O. Frets reported that he and J. Liegeois went to the Park Board meeting. He went to discuss the Bridge over Donges Bay. The Park Board would like to see a Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge like we do. We discussed all the pros and cons as we previously discussed and the final conclusion

was that it would need a feasibility study. K. Lundeen noted that this would need to go to a higher level for discussion for prioritization. So the feasibility study is on hold and will go to a larger discussion because there is a very large dollar amount associated with the cost and the City will need to go through its own priorities first. J. Liegeois mentioned that the Park Board also looked heavily at a bridge at River Road for the same reasons we are looking at Donges Bay. He also stated that between the two groups we were both pretty much in sink with our thoughts regarding both of these bridges.

O. Frets also mentioned that the Park Board put together some commercials for a cost of about \$2,500 to show case the parks in the Mequon area which can be viewed on our web site. Would we want to pursue something like this? Again there would be the funding issue, but maybe we could get a grant or students that could do something like this.

12. Other Business

a. Website: mtoutdoors.org

1. Update

Discussion: K. Wade updated the web site and added the Share and Be Aware. Mequon does a nice job of sending out a News Letter. Our events should be sent out in the news letter form. Maybe some of our maps could also be under the Parks Board.

Next meeting: May 1st, 2015

13. Adjourn

There was a motion by J. Ward to adjourn. C. Leonard seconded.

A voice vote was called. The motion passed 7 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Dated: March 25, 2015

/s/ Orlando Frets, Chairman

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