



Village of Bartlett  
Bike and Run Committee Minutes  
September 28, 2023

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adam Hopkins called the regular meeting of the Bike and Run Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: A. Hopkins, J. Goetz, D. Palmer, B. Krall

Absent: J. Doherty

ALSO PRESENT: K. Stone, T. Isham, K. O'Brien

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting.

Motioned by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: D. Palmer

ROLL CALL

Ayes: A. Hopkins, J. Goetz, D. Palmer,

Nays: None

Abstain: B. Krall

Motion carried.



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Chairman A. Hopkins** asked if there were any comments from the public. **Kathy Granzow** 1179 Buttercup Lane stated that my first issue is the path along Struckman Boulevard, it really needs attention. There are a lot of divots on that path in front of Bartlett High School. Second is, what is the update on the tier 1 route 59 IDOT plan and will there be an overpass? **A. Hopkins** I think there is going to be an underpass on Rout 59. **K. Granzow** I would also like to thank you for the Bartlett Road add-on that now accesses the Prairie Path. Who is responsible for placing bike racks downtown? Jewel does not have a back rack. I would like to be able to park my bike there. **A. Hopkins** maybe staff can reach out to Jewel. **D. Harper** we do not have an ordinance that requires bike racks, but we do encourage bike racks to be installed for new developments. It is specified for the downtown district, but not for any other districts, it is just a suggestion. For private companies like Jewel who have been here for many years, we can suggest it. I recommend that you speak with the manager at Jewel about that. **K. Granzow** are there any plans for a bike race like the Kickstand Race in Bartlett like we had a few years ago? **Terry Witt** 471 S Western Avenue stated that the new owner of Spin Doctors has a lot of experience with planning bike races. In fact, he has organized a bike ride for every Wednesday. As far as myself, I am participating in 2 programs. One program is Ride Less Bike More and the other is I Can Bike There. You can record your ride and take pictures and then send those pictures to be shared. **Bruce Hendricks** 4465 S. Western stated, I would like to some identify methods to promote safety in Bartlett. Kids do not wear their helmets anymore and it is such a poor decision not to wear a helmet. Also, people need to stay on the paths. I have had people yell at me to stay on the path, but the problem is, some of the roads are much smoother than the paths and that is what draws people to the roads. Some of the paths, especially the path near Ruzicka Park, the Bartlett Library and horse farm path are just too jarring and those need to be prioritized.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

**D. Palmer** there are bicycles and pedestrians trying to use Naperville Road during the construction and I know the builder is obligated to build a path there, but that will not happen for 2 to 3 years. **D. Harper** we can reach out to the developer and see what they can do to prioritize that path. **A. Hopkins** what is the update on the path and Route 59 underpass. I know we had to get approval from Metra and other entities. **N. Talarico** stated, I am in communication with the engineer for that project. He has made an effort to keep the bike path between Maryville and Park Place clear. In the past few weeks, IDOT has commented on that underpass and those comments have been forwarded to D. R. Horton and they are working through those comments now and IDOT has reviewed that. I think it is going to be a battle to keep a temporary path there. Their engineer did tell me that they would like to get that bike path paved by the time school starts. There are utility conflicts there. I think it is fair to ask D. R. Horton what their scheduled is for that bike path. They will be starting the second phase of that subdivision north of the railroad tracks and that bike path will connect through the railroad tracks. The developer is working on the grade crossing with the gates and the funding for that. Spaulding from Naperville Road west to Lambert Road is going to have a 4-foot-wide path with double yellow striping. We will also freshen up some of the crosswalks. I would anticipate that being done this fall. The South Bartlett Road bike path from Pipers Lane to the ComEd right-of-way will go to bid in August and the construction contract awarded in September with a completion date by this winter. That is the tentative schedule. The only item that will affect that schedule would be DuPage County permitting, but we are not affecting much of the right-of-way, so I am hoping that goes alright. Hopefully, that will also be this year. **Bruce Hendricks** asked, could we do something like what they do in Chicago with the Bike the Drive and close down parts of the downtown area?



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**A. Hopkins** we could look into doing something like that. **J. Goetz** we had Active Trans do all of the marketing for the Kickstand Classic and that was a great event. Active Trans organized that, but they backed out because they did not make enough money. Active Trans runs the Bike the Drive on Labor Day Weekend. We could reach out to them, but if they are not willing to do it, which I am guessing they would not be, we may have to run Kickstand Classic in-house. Maybe we could couple that with National Night Out next year. **D. Harper** I think that is something we can put our agenda and talk about.

#### DUPAGE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT UPDATE

**J. Ortega** stated that the North Central DuPage Regional Trail segment along Munger Road is complete.

#### PARK DISTRICT UPDATES

No update from the Park District.

#### BIKE PATH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

**N. Talarico** stated that a section of the Newport Trail has been paved heading south to Stearns Road and the plan is to finish the rest of that up to Stearns Road this season. Pavement preservation on the paths that we just resurfaced in-house will be done this fall with our road program. The Brewster Creek Business Park paths are still being working on for permits with Cook County because they want to bring that all the way up to W. Bartlett Road, so that is ongoing and that is why work is stalled there for the time being, but that is still scheduled to be completed this year. **A. Hopkins** is there anything we can do with Schick Road? **N. Talarico** the section west of the Bartlett High School from Petersdorf Road to Schick Road is actually a township road, but if there are issues east of Petersdorf Road that would be the Village. **A. Hopkins** maybe we can get in touch with Wayne Township to do something with that path. **J. Goetz** when does Public Works start looking at next year's projects? Will the Bike and Run Committee be involved in that or is that something that staff would be involved in? **N. Talarico** we do try to plan for what is next, but projects like the South Bartlett Road Bike Path that need to be designed and go out for bid, we do not have any projects like that. We do striping every year and if that is something that the committee would like us to continue to do, we can do that. We will be doing Spaulding Road and Struckman Boulevard this year. Also, sections for the Newport Trail have been re-paved heading south to Stearns Road. I believe the plan is to finish the rest of that up to Stearns Road this season. Pavement preservation of the paths that we have just resurfaced in-house will be done this fall with our road program. The Brewster Creek Business Park paths are still being worked on for permitting with Cook County because they want to bring that path all the way up to West Bartlett Road and that is why work is stalled there for the time being, but the tentative schedule is still to complete that this year unless we hear otherwise. **A. Hopkins** is there anything we can do with Schick Road? **N. Talarico** the section west of Bartlett High School from Petersdorf Road to Schick Road is actually Wayne Township's Road. If there issues east of Petersdorf Road, that would be the Village. **A. Hopkins** we can reach out to Wayne Township and to see if they can help out there. **J. Goetz** when does Public Works start thinking about next year's projects and would this committee be involved in that or is that done by staff? **N. Talarico** there is always a plan for what is next. We stripe every year and will continue to do that. If the committee feels that online bike paths need to be done, we will continue do that.



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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

**D. Harper** stated, village staff completed a draft application to be recognized as a bicycle friendly community by The League of American Bicyclists. That application was drafted with the help of an assortment of public entities, Village departments and community members. The intent of this application was to highlight our community's assets as well as not being shy about what our weaknesses are and to provide a more well-rounded snapshot of our current bicycle infrastructure and what we still need to improve on. I think the highlights of our application are the 32-1/2-miles of existing bikeways with additional miles planned for the future, our existing funding allocated to the expansion and maintenance of our bikeways and the adoption and implementation of our Bartlett and Streamwood Bike and Walk Plan. The weaknesses that the application pointed out as we answered "no" include greater public education and partnerships with the school district or any other public volunteer organizations, regular bicycle education, and adopting a Safe Routes to School program. I was on a zoom call with the Federal Government last week and they have a pretty robust grants program for Safe Routes to School and we are investigating that and will try to get routes. That would involve the participation of School District U-46. I have reached out to U-46 about the money that is available and we are working on that application. Other items are community-wide bicycle encouragement programs. We talked about races, events and coordinating with National Night Out. I think those are all great ideas and would beef up this application as well. We do not have a universal bicycle parking design standard. I think if we did a bicycle parking design standard and got an ordinance and made that a requirement for new construction that would help us greatly as well as adopting complete streets policies with performance measures and a vision zero action plan with the safe system approach. I was not familiar with the safe system approach. That is a specific style of vision zero. Since the concept of vision zero has different branches of how people think that objective can be accomplished and the League of American Bicyclists promotes the safe systems approach school of thought. The good news is that all of these things can be addressed, it is just a matter of time and energy with village staff and with community members. Overall, I think we had a good first go at it. These applications have different levels of award criteria. The best is platinum and it goes down to gold, silver, bronze and then honorary mention. The feeling I am getting while talking with the League of American Bicyclists and neighboring communities is that we would probably be in the honorable mention level, maybe the bronze level. Bronze level is our goal. The deadline to submit this particular application is August 30, 2023. However, we can keep the application open indefinitely and submit when we feel the time is right. We have time on our side if we want to beef up the application, but if we want to submit now, the advantage would be that we could get feedback from the League of American Cyclists. Once we get their feedback, we can operate under the direction of their feedback, but if we delay, we will be making improvements not knowing how the improvements will be scored. I would like for you to make comments and review the application. We could submit the application in August so that we get comments and feedback to help direct us towards the next steps or we can keep working on it, implement some of the public programs. Realistically, I think we could get the bicycle parking standards in place and the U-46 partnership. I am looking for direction from this committee. Would you rather submit the application by the August 30, 2023, deadline or submit later when we think we have a more rounded out application? **J. Goetz** I would prefer that we submit the application by August 30, 2023, to get their feedback. Some of these programs that we are talking about could take years, so I would prefer that we apply now and get feedback even if we only get the honorary mention category. Can we submit again in a couple of years? **D. Harper** yes. If we submit now and receive honorary mention that would be a good result. We can then act on the feedback for a 2-to-3-year cycle and resubmit the application and maybe



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receive bronze. **A. Hopkins** I do not have any issue with submitting now. I think it is a really good idea. **D. Harper** staff will go over the application again before we submit. **A. Hopkins** can we also get input from the Village Board before we submit the application? **D. Harper** yes, we can do that.

**A. Hopkins** asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by: **A. Hopkins**

Seconded by: **D. Palmer**

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.