



**Village of Bartlett
Bike and Run Committee Minutes
September 29, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Camerer called the regular meeting of the Bike and Run Committee to order at 3:03 pm in the Bartlett Municipal Center Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chairman Camerer, T. Witt, J. Stacy, B. Hendricks and D. Palmer

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: T. Isham, D. Dinges, J. Plonczynski and K. Stone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2016 meeting.

Motioned by: D. Palmer

Seconded by: T. Witt

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairman Camerer, T. Witt, J. Stacy, B. Hendricks and D. Palmer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

STATUS OF BICYCLE PLAN FOR WAYNE TOWNSHIP

K. Stone stated that the Village Board unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the Wayne Township Bicycle Plan on August 16, 2016. Staff has begun looking at what recommendations in that plan can be implemented in the near term as part of the Capital Improvement Project budget. T. Witt showed some signage that has been designed to more clearly explain what "Share the Road" means to both bicycle riders and car drivers. T. Witt suggested that the signs be installed on Powis and Munger Rd. He also comments on the speed of the roads. B. Hendricks said he believes that the avid bicyclists need to lead the way by complying with the Share the Road laws. T. Witt stated that the signs are a step to getting people to ride correctly. D. Dinges said that both signs will be installed and publicized. Chairman Camerer suggested reaching out to the bike shop teams and make sure they are aware the Village enforces Share the Road laws.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAIL UPDATE

K. Stone explained that the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County requested a meeting to discuss the western leg of the North Central Regional Trail. K. Stone, D. Dinges and A. Zubko met with Forest Preserve representatives. The trail currently ends with an on-road route along Woodland Hills Dr. The Forest Preserve District is looking at possible alignments to connect the Woodland Hills bike route to the Illinois Prairie Path. Due to wetlands on the west side of Munger Road near Forest Preserve Drive, the Forest Preserve District is considering alternate alignments for the trail. The Woodland Hills Homeowners Association owns and maintains an existing trail segment on the pipeline easement that dead ends into Forest Preserve property. Staff suggested that the Forest Preserve District contact the Woodland Hills Homeowners Association and discuss the possibility of the Forest Preserve taking over that bike path and continuing it through the Forest Preserve property. The route would then cross Munger Rd. and continue south to the Prairie Path. Staff has provided the Forest Preserve District with the Woodland Hills Homeowners Association contact information to get the discussion started. They are hoping to start construction in 2018. D. Dinges explained that the Forest Preserve is looking at several locations for the crossing Munger Rd. D. Dinges said that if they do a mid-block crossing the Village would require additional information to ensure the crossing is safe. Chairman Camerer asked if the Village is responsible for paying for a portion of this project. J. Plonczynski stated we have submitted a letter of support but do not anticipate being asked to fund any portion of the project. D. Dinges stated an additional concern is the low visibility for a crossing at the Munger and Army Trail; those corners will need to have trees trimmed and cut down. B. Hendricks asked if horses would also be permitted on the trails. J. Plonczynski said he assumes it will be multi-use but the decision is up to the Forest Preserve District.

T. Witt added that the bridge over County Farm Rd. is being installed which will connect the Hawk Hollow and Mallard Lake Forest Preserves.

Resident John Goetz of Woodland Hills is part of the group that rides at 5:30am. He stated he is also concerned about the crossing at Army Trail and Munger Roads and suggested moving the bike crossing approximately 100 yards west. D. Dinges replied it's typically preferred to cross at intersections but it will definitely be looked at and we have made our concern of visibility at the intersection known to the Forest Preserve District.

UPDATE ON TOD PLAN

Chairman Camerer informed the Committee that the TOD Plan was reviewed by the Village Board, will go back to the Committee of Whole on October 4th for discussion and will be up for a final vote on October 18th. J. Plonczynski stated Staff has followed up with the business owners at Bartlett Plaza. Staff handed out the TOD plan and a memo from the consultant that explained the conceptual nature of the plan. Chairman Camerer stated the Board needs to look at if the plan helps the Bartlett Plaza businesses and thought the plan was focused more on the downtown area.

T. Witt mentioned the transportation portion of the plan recommends Complete Streets and the idea of improving pedestrian safety downtown. D. Palmer stated that he's not against a lower speed limit but reiterated that speed limits are determined by engineering, traffic counts, etc. Chairman Camerer said that the transportation portion is being taken very seriously by the Board during their consideration of the TOD Plan.

REVIEW BIKE/PEDESTRIAN CAPITAL PROJECTS

J. Plonczynski stated that planning for the Capital Budget has started which includes the 2 IDNR bike trails, the Village portion of the Smith Road bike trail and the drainage project/ bike path in front of the Village Church. D. Dinges stated that as part of the Operating Budget he is requesting to allocate more funds for the improvement of existing bike paths.

KICK STAND CLASSIC BIKE RACE RECAP

Chairman Camerer stated it was a wonderful event and praised Staff, Public Works, Police and Fire. He received positive feedback on the event and Village from both residents and race participants. D. Palmer said he hopes that it can become an annual event and increase participants. Chairman Camerer said the 600 slots were sold out and they are hoping to increase the amount of riders next year. T. Witt added that the Village and Active Transportation need to work to get more sponsors and local businesses to participate to reduce costs. Chairman Camerer said he believes the Village Board will be in agreement to commit to hosting the race again next year. B. Hendricks thought the signage and information was clearly presented and was glad the Village was a part of it. Chairman Camerer stated he will pass along the Committee's positive feedback to the Village Board.

Resident Tom Steele requested that the event start later next year if possible so it would give the event more visibility. He also said he would be in favor of the police telling bicyclists that they can only ride 2 across and enforcing the bicycling laws.

K. Stone responded that this was the first timed event Active Transportation Alliance has done so they were unsure how quickly the first wave would be completed. Now that they have an idea of how long each wave will take they may adjust the start time accordingly. Village Staff and Active Transportation Alliance will be having a post-event debriefing meeting to go over how the race went and talk about changes for future events.

Resident John Goetz added that he would like a children's ride as part of the event. J. Plonczynski replied that it was an insurance liability issue for Active Transportation Alliance and may be possible in the future.

COMPLETE STREETS

K. Stone stated that at the last meeting Staff was directed to start looking into Complete Streets as recommended in the Wayne Township Bicycle Plan and the proposed TOD Plan. Staff provided the Committee copies of Complete Street ordinances that have been passed in Illinois. Complete Streets ordinances create a policy that when Village Staff reviews and proposes road projects it makes sure that all users are being accommodated starting in the planning stage. Recently passed ordinances include a condition that if the cost of an accommodation is deemed prohibitive, the accommodation would not be required. Illinois was the first state to adopt a Complete Streets policy so all IDOT projects include a review by CMAP to see what accommodations are appropriate and should be included in the design. J. Plonczynski added that Staff has received CMAP's comments on many of the IDOT projects that have occurred within the Village. J. Plonczynski explained that Complete Streets is not a separate line item in the budget, it would be included as part of future Capital Budget items as they are proposed. T. Witt added that a Complete Streets policy is a commitment to review projects with all users in mind.

J. Plonczynski discussed the Route 59 and Stearns Rd intersection improvements. D. Dinges added that the project is scheduled for letting in early 2017 pending right of way acquisition.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Camerer asked for an update on bike path ownership and maintenance. T. Isham is scheduling a meeting with DuPage County to determine if they have a maintenance plan for their existing paths in Bartlett. Chairman Camerer requested to have a listing or map of the ownership/maintenance for each bike path and set priorities for repair and expansion prepared for the next Committee meeting.

D. Palmer stated that the next meeting is scheduled for the last week of December which could be hard to get a quorum. The Committee agreed to reschedule the next meeting to January 19, 2017.

B. Hendricks said that our committee needs to educate the public on bicycle safety. Chairman Camerer stated that Terry has shared the Illinois Bike Safety Quiz before. J. Plonczynski stated we can share the link on the Village website.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motioned by: D. Palmer

Seconded by: T. Witt

Roll call:

Ayes: T. Witt, B. Hendricks, J. Stacy, D. Palmer and Chairman Camerer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.