



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

MINUTES

City of Mequon:

Terence Mooney, John Ward, Kristin Wade
Carol Leonard

Current Member Listing –

Village of Thiensville:

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

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were C. Leonard, J. Liegeois, T. Mooney, J. Treffert, K. Wade, and J. & H Ward. Guest Martin Tanz, resident of Mequon. For the City of Mequon: J. Keegan & B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of December 5th, 2014.

O. Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes of December 5th, 2014. J. Treffert moved to approved. C. Leonard seconded. A voice vote was called. The motion passed 7-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Priority Information List – O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets asked for a review of the list. H. Ward stated that item one (Ozaukee Interurban Trail) was underway. O. Frets asked J. Treffert if there were any projects for Thiensville this year. J. Treffert replied that Main Street surface will be diamond ground to get rid of some of the bumps and there will be some architectural amenities, basically cosmetic. Also, A. LaFond has some signs that say Thiensville with the logo for marking parking lots. H. Ward asked about Item 10, Wauwatosa Rd, stripe and sign bike /ped lanes whether this was south of Mequon Rd. as the marking is all done north of Mequon Rd. There are no bicycle signs but the lane is marked. O. Frets asked if there were any on the priority list that we needed to focus on more than others on the list or move up. J. Treffert mentioned Item 2 Green Bay Rd; the Thiensville section is done and the description should be changed to 4' lanes-from Lake Bluff Rd to Highland Rd in Mequon. O. Frets asked J. Keegan if there were any road projects for this year. J. Keegan said that they were still working on it and developing a list and will bring it to the next meeting. J. Treffert asked about the remainder of County Line Rd. J. Keegan mentioned that will be the Third Phase with Milwaukee and they are working on the last funding hurdle. Milwaukee is still working the plans. O. Frets mentioned Item 28 "Donges Bay Road – Bike/Ped Bridge over Milwaukee River" that the Park Board would like to invite us to their meeting on Jan 21st starting at 6:30 p.m. He read from a memo from the Park Board stating that they would like to start a discussion about a preliminary crossing over the Milwaukee River at Donges Bay Road. The River Advisory Committee has also been invited. J. Keegan mentioned that ped bridges are very expensive. H. Ward said that we discussed this before and we are aware of the cost. O. Frets reminded everyone that this is just a discussion.

J. Treffert asked if there was anything happening with the marking of the trails with signs, connections? Especially at the entry into some of the subdivisions, painting on the pavement. Maybe this could be an Eagle Scout project. O. Frets mentioned that he recalled K. Lundeen saying that Mequon is not to keen on to many extra signs especially in neighborhoods. H. Ward said that we wanted to put up signs that said you can go through especially when it says Dead End Road. There were no standard signs and cost was an issue. J. Treffert would like to see discussion of that brought back on our next agenda. K. Wade said we need to work on making these connections available.

M. Tanz asked about bike racks, why aren't there more of them. O. Frets asked where would you like to see more racks? M. Tanz stated around Panera's, Cousins, there is no bike parking around the Mequon Pavillion at all. H. Ward stated that First Watch bought their own and they donated one. C. Leonard mentioned that there is one behind the Sears mattress place. M. Tanz also mentioned that there isn't much parking in Thiensville either. In Shorewood there seems to be parking everywhere. H. Ward said that we have discussed this at length before, found out rack prices, and offered them to merchants. The type of rack is a big controversy. The ones we

offered are not the type that the Bike Fed likes. O. Frets said the comb ones are the ones they don't like. H. Wards said it also becomes an issue in the winter when the racks permanently mounted. K. Wade stated we should put together three levels of bike racks and present it to the merchants or get the News Graphic to put an add in the paper asking merchants to consider it. We need something the merchants are willing to pay for and reasonable. H. Ward said it will be interesting to see what Café Hollander puts in because they want the bikes there. K. Wade mentioned that other businesses might be willing to put in a rack to help promote their business as a place to bike to also. H. Ward referred to a previous meeting where O. Frets had mentioned that the News Graphic was willing to print an article each month. Maybe an article could be in there about all the links in the neighborhoods, and if their interested they could pick up a city map showing the connections which can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce or off the web site.

O. Frets asked if there was anything on the list of 20 that needed to moved around or just leave it as is. O. Frets said that item 28 Bridge over Milwaukee River at Donges is coming up at a meeting on January 21st with the Park Board because it's on a long range list from SEWRPC. J. Keegan said it is a logical connection but it is a long time off.

4. OIT Improvement –

A. Bonniwell Substation Revision - James Keegan

B. Accident at Donges Bay & Interurban Trail

Discussion: J. Keegan stated that the bids are due February 3rd and then it goes to Council for their approval in April. Completion date is in early July. It will be a fast paced project. M. Tanz asked where they were moving the trail too. H. Ward stated that the Trail will go on the west side of the sub station rather than on the east side. It's being changed for safety reasons. J. Keegan stated if anyone wanted to see the plans they could look at them in the engineering department. There will be a short time when the route is closed, but there is a detour planned for when this happens.

5. Signs

Branding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: Nothing at this time.

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

Discussion: Deferred

7. Education – K. Wade & J. Krueger

A. Share & Be Aware Update

Discussion: O. Frets said we could hold a Share and Be Aware Campaign. Bike Fed has a huge campaign and is willing to hold classes and do a lot of the things that we have been looking to do such as hold classes concerning, gear, how to plan a ride, skills for pedestrians, biking in traffic, adults on bikes, state laws, and drivers Ed. One of their ambassadors would attend. K. Wade said that we should talk to the Driver Ed companies to add some of these things to their programs. O. Frets mentioned that maybe the Bike Fed could come to J. Kruegers class at Homestead when he is doing his Bike class. O. Frets asked K. Wade to check with the Bike Fed regarding their Share and Be Ware Campaign for next time and see what they suggest.

8. Common Goals – O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets passed out a list of common goals and things to think about. Keeping in mind our 2030 plan to make walking and biking appealing and accessible to more people. The Commission will focus on increasing connections with the community as well as with other communities. The Plan will provide what are known as the five “E’s” engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement and evaluation. O. Frets will include in our Annual Report.

9. Other Business

A. Website: mtoutdoors.org – Update

Discussion: K. Wade tried contacting A. LaFond, but he has been out. Will check with the Bike Fed and see what they recommend. K. Wade will remove Bike to Work Week and add Share and Be Aware. J. Liegeois checked out other sites and found we really aren't any different than anyone else. He also mentioned that Wisconsin Travel.com has the best site for biking in Wisconsin.

