



Mequon/Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission  
Friday October 3rd, 2014 at 9:15 a.m.  
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

## MINUTES

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were J. Liegeois, T. Mooney, J. Treffert, K. Wade and J. & H Ward. For the City of Mequon: James Keegan and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Discussion:** O. Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. H. Ward noted that under item 8 the wording be changed as follows “but if the funding was otherwise provided” J. Treffert moved to approve the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as modified. T. Mooney seconded. A voice vote was called. The motion passed 6-0 and 1 absent.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

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

**Discussion:** K. Wade suggested that we talk to the Festivals Committee and Fun before the Fourth and maybe we should provide free bicycle parking during those events. O. Frets said that bicycle valets are what are recommended. We could get people such as the Boy Scouts to park and watch the bikes verses chaining them up to a tree. K. Wade said this would then also allow us to have maps and answer questions at these events. O. Frets thought that movie night at the pool would be another good one. J. Treffert said that Thiensville had movie in the park and that they were planning on having that twice next year but also noted that as the movies don't start until dark perhaps a bike wouldn't be a good idea. H. Ward mentioned that maybe we could occasionally have a table at the Farmers Market in Thiensville. They get a lot of people and there are a lot of bikes there. J. Treffert said he would contact Jesse Daily. H. Ward said that maybe once a month we would be good.

4. Bicycle Friendly Community

a. Application

b. Review of 2030 Plan for Costs and Objectives

**Discussion:**

**A.** O. Frets asked what we want to do with regards to the application. There is a lot of stuff that was recommended we do. K. Wade thought the one thing we could do was educating the kids in school and somehow add to their curriculum. H. Ward asked how you would do that through the school. Would it be physical education? Who do we contact? K. Wade mentioned that a lot of kids bike to school already starting in fifth grade when their allowed to bring bikes and maybe we could reach out to show them the proper rules. O Frets and T. Mooney suggested talking to John Krueger who's a PE Instructor at the High School and does have a biking course during the summer for help from the schools.

O. Frets asked what do we want to achieve with all this info. K Wade felt that Bike Racks was one thing we could do in the Community. We've done it in the past and something we could do as a committee. H. Ward asked what happened to the bike rack that was donated by First Watch and placed by the library. The library put up a new rack and we should decide where else this extra rack could go. J. Liegeois said we need to watch how we interpret this report. We got zero on education and they said the average is 33. What specifically is 33%? Oriole Lane just told the kids what the rules are for biking. Does that qualify for education? K. Wade agreed. J. Liegeois stated the School Boards not going to approve a mandatory bike class. He also stated that we should use this survey as a directive. We need to take it for what its worth. We filled out the survey as aggressively as we could. We under valued ourselves. K. Wade looked at other communities such as Cedarburg and they don't have a web site. Our Web sight has the Wisconsin Safety Rules and Maps. J. Ward asked what we will gain by following all of these rules. What will the status do for the Community except to say that you live in a Bicycle Friendly Community? K. Ward agreed that this report isn't so important but more of a guideline. J. Treffert said we should use this as a guide and questioned using it as a designation. J. Liegeois agreed and said our 2030 Plan is what we're all about and we should just use this as a guide. J. Treffert agreed that we use the application as a guide until such time as

it matches our master plan. J. Liegeois stated that our signage is such that it really is anti biking. That needs to be turned around. O. Frets said another negative is our roads have four foot shoulders and the Federation recommends five foot and that was one area that we would never meet. T. Mooney felt the same as the rest of the members to put something in writing and go after that. K. Wade said that we reviewed the application results and should now take the information for what its worth and then reapply in five years to see where we're at.

Motion: J. Treffert motioned to use the Bicycle Friendly Community Report as a guideline and not actively pursue it as a designation, but to use it as appropriate to support the 2030 recommendation. J. Ward seconded. A voice vote was called and all approved. None opposed.

J. Liegeois commented that in his journeys out of state he noted signs that designated roads as "This Road is a Bicycle Priority Road" which means that cars have to wait for the bicycles. We don't have any roads marked in Mequon Thiensville for biking or guiding them to the trails and roads which would be safer to ride on. K. Wade said that funding is a problem. Maybe the developer of a project should be asked if they could incorporate signs pushing them to the Inter Urban. H. Ward reminded everyone that the Developer of the Town Center came to a meeting and we did make some suggestions. J. Liegeois but we failed to ask for signage. K. Wade suggested going back and asking for signage pointing people to the Inter Urban. J. Liegeois suggested getting businesses involved that would enjoy the benefit of having the bikers by the use of signage. O. Frets said that with the new development going in we are going to have more cyclist of all classes that will be moving up and down Cedarburg Rd many of which won't use the Inter Urban Trail. K. Wade said that maybe we should have a sign that says that it's ok to Bike on the sidewalks. J. Treffert stated that Thiensville does not allow bikes on sidewalks. H. Ward said bikes are allowed on sidewalks in Mequon. O. Frets do we want to purse putting something in for the cyclists? J. Liegeois said we need to think about this heavily and about what we want to recommend for this downtown area.

#### 5. OIT Improvement

- a. Bonniwell Substation Revision – J. Keegan
- b. Accident at Donges Bay & Interurban Trail

**Discussion:**

- A. J. Keegan said he looked at the plans and there are a few hurdles to work through with We Energies. H. Ward questioned that she thought K. Lundeen had mentioned that something was going to be decided by October 4<sup>th</sup>. J. Keegan that the project is scheduled to advertise around October 4<sup>th</sup> and that we are on track.
- B. Nothing further at this time.

#### 6. Signs

- a.) Banding Committee – J. Treffert

**Discussion:** J. Treffert said that the committee had a good meeting. The committee was formed 2 ½ years ago and has never held a meeting. Someone is going to take innovative to have a meeting of the committee. Once that happens we will find out of there is going to be a brand. The school system did come up with a whole new logo so their not going to be a part of the brand. It's going to be a Mequon/Thiensville community thing nothing with the schools.

#### 7. Off Road Bike Path on Donges Bay Road – Deferred until sub station completed.

**Discussion:**

#### 8. Other Business

- a. Website: mtoutdoors.org
  - 1. Update

**Discussion:** K. Wade stated that there aren't many communities that have web sites, which makes us a little advanced. She check with Cedarburg, the north shore and did not find much. Ann Arbor was one City that had you actually scrolling through a lot of items that we already have on our web site. Her thought was that maybe we need to come up with what we want to communicate to the community. We are a good resource currently for some of the maps that we have on their, along with the Safety rules from the state of Wisconsin. She noted that some of the things that Ann Arbor had were like where bike racks were located, bicycle parking was one thing that we don't have. She didn't want to compare with cities that are much large than ours. Some things we could address if there is a problem with some of the paths, but who do you contact. Maybe we could put the 2030 Plan on the site seeing as we are not doing any events until next year. H. Ward asked if she had links on the site such

as the Ozaukee Bike link. It should a lot of bike route within the county on roads. K. Wade said yes. O. Frets suggested that all of us look at our web site and other city web sites and see what we need to add to improve it.

Next meeting is December 5th, 2014

9. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by J. Ward. K. Wade second.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.