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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
Thursday, February 8, 2024
9:00 AM
North Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Kenneth Maciolek
Chair T. Azinger
Commissioner Jim Doornek
Commissioner Ron Heinritz
Commissioner John Liegeois
Commissioner Kristin Wade

Absent:

Commissioner Rob Holyoke

Thiensville resident Alan H Siggelkow, at 204 Division St, was present. Also present were Thiensville Director of Community Services/Public Works LaFond, Mequon Assistant City Engineer McCraw, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Redeker.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. December 14, 2023 Minutes

Alan H Siggelkow, 204 Division St, Thiensville, was in attendance to present his concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Division St and the OIT crossing at Mequon Rd.

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Maciolek

AYES:	Maciolek, Azinger, Doornek, Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade
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3. Discussion/Action Items

a. Bikeway Master Plan Update Proposed Schedule

Assistant City Engineer McCraw updated the commission on the Master Plan and provided a proposed schedule for the next steps, listed in the agenda. Discussion ensued and commissioners determined that at the next meeting they would discuss and form a committee to interview potential consultants for the study. Resident Siggelkow spoke during this discussion item.

b. Review and Discussion of Bike Route from River Road and Freistadt Road to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail

Commissioner Maciolek presented regarding possible placement of bicycle route signs in the Village of Thiensville used to direct bikes and pedestrians to and from the bike lane on River Rd to/from the OIT using Riverview Dr instead of Freistadt Rd.

c. Safety Concerns of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Alignment near the We Energies Substation and Railroad

Commissioners discussed the original agreement from the construction of the OIT railroad crossing near the WE Energies Substation, located between the OIT crossings at Highland Rd and Bonniwell Rd.

Commissioner Heinritz made a motion to explore possible design modifications to the existing maze fencing in order to improve safety for bikes and pedestrians navigating the maze. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doornek. Chair Azinger opposed, all others were for. The motion passed.

RESULT: **Approved [5 to 1]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Doornek

AYES:	Maciolek, Doornek, Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade
NAYS:	Azinger

d. Possible March Bikeway Agenda Items

The following agenda items were decided on for the March 14, 2024 meeting:

- Forming a committee to interview consultants for the Master Plan study.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian safety trends in recent years
- Current and potential laws regarding E-Bikes
- Off-road trail information

4. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn at 10:50 AM

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Commissioner Wade
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Maciolek

AYES: Maciolek, Azinger, Doornek, Heinritz, Liegeois, Wade

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaye Redeker