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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission

Thursday, March 14, 2024

9:00 AM

North Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Kenneth Maciolek
Commissioner Jim Doornek
Commissioner Ron Heinritz
Commissioner Rob Holyoke
Commissioner John Liegeois
Commissioner Kristin Wade

Absent:

Chair T. Azinger

Also in attendance was David Schlageter from Rails to Trails, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Lundeen, Assistant City Engineer McCraw, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Redeker.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. February 8 2024 Minutes

David Schlageter was present to announce the Rails to Trails Opening Day.

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Holyoke

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

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

3. Discussion/Action Items

a. Planning Study RFP Scope of Services

The Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Planning Study Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline was discussed. Motion to present the RFP to consultants was made by Commissioner Doornek and seconded by Commissioner Holyoke, motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT: Approved [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Commissioner Doornek

SECONDED BY: Holyoke

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

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

The safety of the OIT railroad crossing near the WE Energies substation between Highland Rd and Bonniwell Rd was discussed. The safety concerns involve the "maze" of chain-link fence that bicyclists and pedestrians must navigate in order to cross the railroad tracks. Commissioner Heinritz made a motion to draft a letter to the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads expressing the commission's concerns. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doornek and approved unanimously.

RESULT: Approved [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Doornek

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

c. Update an Review of Existing and Proposed Off-Road Bike and Pedestrian Paths in Mequon, Thiensville, and Surrounding Communities

Commissioner Doornek gave an informational presentation regarding connectivity concerns within Mequon as well as with surrounding communities.

d. Electric Bike Regulation Discussion

Commissioner Liegeois presented information on current e-bike regulations in Wisconsin. Discussion ensued regarding the information provided.

e. Pedestrian and Bicycle Incidents in the City of Mequon

Information was obtained from the Mequon Police Department as well as the Wisconsin State Crash Portal. Decision was made to discuss the information more thoroughly at next month's meeting, 4/11/2024.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Maciolek will reach out to a reporter that has attempted contact regarding a previous meeting agenda item.

David Schlageter announced that Rails to Trails will hold their opening day festivities in the Spur 16 parking lot on April 27, 2024.

5. Adjourn

a. Adjourn at 10:38 AM

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Commissioner Wade

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaye Redeker