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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission

Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:00 AM

North Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

Also in attendance were Mequon resident William Arpe, Thiensville resident Alan Siggleskow, Brian Lennie with Stantec, and Lori Lorenz and Holly Leider MD with M-T Trails Foundation. Craig Huebner from Graef was present and Dominic Marlow from Graef attended virtually. Additionally, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Lundeen, Assistant City Engineer McCraw, and Engineering Administrative Assistant Redeker were present.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. November 14, 2024 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Wade

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

AYES:	Maciolek, Doornek, Heinritz, Holyoke, Liegeois, Wade
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3. Resident Communications

Mequon resident William Arpe, Brian Lennie from Stantec, as well as Lori and Holly from M-T Trails Foundation were present to speak on the first agenda item: M-T Trails Foundation Highland Road Path Update.

Thiensville resident Alan Siggleskow was present to speak on the third agenda item: Bike and Pedestrian Concerns at Buntrock Ave and Division St.

4. Discussion/Action Items

a. MT Trails Foundation Highland Road Path Update

The MT Trails Foundation representatives, Lori and Holly, provided an update on their efforts to develop a bike and pedestrian trail along Highland Road in Mequon and Thiensville. The north side of the road was determined to be the safest and most feasible route based on multiple studies, wetland considerations, and land use constraints. Despite some neighborhood opposition, the foundation has secured necessary funding, including a TAP grant, and right-of-way approval from the city. They emphasized that moving forward with the north side trail ensures timely access to grant funding and aligns with long-term safety and community benefits. The foundation reiterated its commitment to the project and the importance of prioritizing safe, off-road pathways for residents.

Mequon resident William Arpe and Brian Lennie from Stantec voiced their support for a trail on the south side of Highland Rd.

This item was informational and there was no vote.

b. Overview of Draft Updates to the Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Plan

Craig Huebner with Graef discussed the draft Master Plan with the commissioners, recounted his presentation of the draft plan to the City of Mequon Committee of the Whole two days prior, and stated he will also be presenting it to the Thiensville Village Board on Monday, December 16, 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding the draft plan. A decision to hold an additional commission meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024 was made to further discuss the commissioner's thoughts on the draft plan.

c. Bike and Pedestrian Concerns Buntrock Ave and Division St

Thiensville resident Alan Sigglekow and the commissioners discussed what possible temporary safety measures for the area of Division St and Buntrock Ave could or could not be made while waiting for an official project to happen in that area.

5. Other Business

a. 2025 Meeting Dates

The Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission usually meets on the second Thursday of each month. The commissioners chose to move the January meeting back one week to Thursday, January 16, 2025, in order to accommodate the deadline of January 15, 2025 for the Committee of the Whole members to submit their comments to Assistant City Engineer McCraw. The commissioners approved the rest of the 2025 dates as they were.

6. Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn at 10:53 AM

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Holyoke

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Doornek

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaye Redeker