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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
Thursday, December 15, 2022
9:00 AM
North Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call
Chair Azinger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Commissioner Kenneth Maciolek (arrived 9:01 a.m.)
Chair T. Azinger
Commissioner Jim Doornek
Commissioner Ron Heinritz
Commissioner Rob Holyoke
Commissioner John Liegeois
Commissioner Kristin Wade (arrived 9:01 a.m.)

Absent:

Also present were Assistant City Engineer Cole McCraw, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kristen Lundeen, Thiensville Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond, Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation President Lori Lorenz, and Administrative Assistant Leach.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022 Minutes

Commissioners Maciolek & Wade arrived at 9:01 AM and were not present for this vote.

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Liegeois

SECONDED BY: Holyoke

AYES: Azinger, Doornek, Heinritz, Holyoke, Liegeois

NOT PRESENT:

Maciolek, Wade

3. Resident Communications

Chair Azinger acknowledged that no residents were in attendance.

4. Discussion/Action Items

a. M-T Trails Highland Path Update

Guest speaker, Lori Lorenz, presented an overview of the M-T Trails Foundation Highland Road Bike/Pedestrian Path Project. Lorenz indicated the group's mission is to create off road paths throughout the community. Phase 1 of this project would be to connect the OIT to Rotary Park along Highland Road; approximately a 1.5 mile stretch.

b. Mequon Road OIT Crossing Update

Assistant City Engineer McCraw provided the Commission with an update on this project. McCraw advised that it has been advertised for bidding. It is projected to take place in Spring through Fall 2023.

c. Master Plan RFP Response Discussion

Assistant City Engineer McCraw advised that the interview team met to discuss the RFP response and make recommendations to the Board. There were some additional questions that came out of the review, some of which addressed cost sharing options. The list of additional questions has been forwarded on to the consultant. At the time of this meeting, the consultant's responses are still pending. The group discussed at length potential cost sharing options and percentages for both Mequon and Thiensville. Member Wade expressed that as a long-term member of this group, she has seen some short-sighted decisions made because there wasn't a good plan in place. She views this as an important investment in our communities as we build the infrastructure for future development and generations to come. Commissioner Holyoke expressed concern because Thiensville didn't budget for this project. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen said that Mequon is looking at existing pressures or unsafe locations, and her intent behind looking into the land use plan, demographics, and growth is because she doesn't want to be short-sighted in anything the City of Mequon is doing. Village of Thiensville Director of Community Services/Public Works Lafond looked at Thiensville's staff working on their part of the project internally but advised they don't have the hours to commit to doing it themselves. Lundeen also reminded the Board that there are other groups with common interest outside of the City of Mequon and Village of Thiensville, and those organizations could be asked for a contribution to this project. Chair Azinger stated his take-away is that both communities would like to see the project move forward, and that once the questions have been answered by the consultant the group can revisit this discussion.

d. 8015 : Bonniwell Road OIT Crossing Commission Response

Assistant City Engineer McCraw reminded the Board of the citizen letter discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Maciolek drafted a response to the letter, which was included in this meeting's agenda packet. Chair Azinger asked McCraw to make minor revisions to the letter . The board discussed if the response letter should be sent.

Motion to approve sending the revised response letter on behalf of the Commission.

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

MOVED BY: Commissioner Wade

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

AYES: Maciolek, Azinger, Doornek, Heinritz, Holyoke, Liegeois, Wade
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5. Other Business

Chair Azinger asked if there was any other business. No other business was brought forth.

6. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 10:21 a.m.

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

MOVED BY: Commissioner Maciolek

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Wade

AYES: Maciolek, Azinger, Doornek, Heinritz, Holyoke, Liegeois, Wade
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Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Leach