



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Hanson Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
December 15, 2014
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of October 21, 2014

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report
- FY2014-2015 Budget Review
 - Signage
 - Publications
 - FY2014-2016 Proposed Budget
 - Summer Rides

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review of current and proposed projects

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and vote on regular meeting day

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes of October 21, 2014

Department: Engineering

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes of October 21, 2014	Minutes

***Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the Hanson Room at Village Hall***

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Szabo, Chairman
Alan Medsker
Mitchell D. Polonsky
Paul Danko
Michael Walczak
James K. Daley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jurgen Juffa, Village of Arlington Heights Resident
Michael Bagby, Arlington Heights Resident, Owner of The Wellness Group
Ruth Kee, Village of Arlington Heights Resident
Michael Brown, Arlington Heights School District 25, Director of Facilities Management

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, P. Szabo called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Polonsky moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting September 30, 2014. A. Medsker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Introductions of BPAC members and guests.
- Following up from the last meeting, P. Szabo discussed two Dundee Road projects. The first he read about on the Buffalo Grove website and is a multi-use path project along Dundee Road that would extend from Ridge Avenue to Cambridge Drive. The project will include improved infrastructure, improved aesthetics, improved visibility, and access to Buffalo Grove High School from the north and south. This plan was first developed in 2010, but has been shelved for the time being. The other project is a follow up from a previous meeting which B. Schwab also e-mailed P. Szabo about since last meeting, it involves the intersections of Dundee Road and Kennicott Avenue and Dundee Road and Wilke Road. The Village requested IDOT to include pedestrian signalization and install a multi-use path between the intersections as part of the project. B. Schwab informed the BPAC the Village received the letter of intent from IDOT because the Village would be responsible for the cost of this improvement and that amount has been requested in the Capital Improvement budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of Projects reported by B. Schwab –
 - Commuter Drive is substantially complete with the exception of landscaping. P. Szabo indicated the bike racks were not installed. B. Schwab clarified that the bike racks were not included as part of the contract and these will be installed once the contract has received final acceptance by IDOT. Rolling Meadows is supplying the bike racks and the Village of Arlington Heights Public Works Department will be installing them. The estimated installation of the bike racks is Spring 2015.
 - Wilke Road and Northwest Highway Intersection Improvement project is still on the November letting, but B. Schwab had no further information to report at this time.
 - Dundee Road and Kennicott Avenue and Wilke Road Intersection Projects – Report given during Chairman’s report.
 - Kirchhoff Road and Dwyer Avenue crossing was moved from the 2014 MFT Street Reconstruction Project to the IDOT Kirchhoff Road Resurfacing Project because the Engineering Department found out during the permit process that Kirchhoff was being resurfaced by IDOT. The intersection will now have a wider crossing that will match the multi-use path and crosswalk. The flashing beacons will be installed by the Village in FY 2015-2016 once IDOT has completed their work. M. Walczak informed the BPAC that Mount Prospect installed flashing beacons that are push button activated at Busse and Lonquist between Golf Road and Central Road.
 - Northwest Community Bike Path – No Change
 - Davis Street and Arthur Crossing – Project is complete.
 - M. Polonsky reported that the Bike Swap is April 25, 2015, the 31st Annual 500 is May 17th, 2015, and the Ride of Silence is May 13, 2015.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update
 - Infrastructure Improvement suggestions:
 - P. Szabo reported that they are improving railroad crossing at Evergreen and he would like to see similar improvements done at the Dunton Avenue railroad crossing.
 - Additionally, he showed a picture of Dunton Avenue in front of the library after it was resurfaced this year. P. Szabo stated that often times that section is very busy with cars parked and people dropping off and very difficult to navigate on bike especially at night. He stated it was too bad there wasn’t something done to improve riding during the project, and hoped in the future this is something BPAC can be involved with.
 - P. Szabo had pictures of the intersection of Oakton Street and Wilke Road and Oakton Street and Northwest Highway. The pictures showed that there was not much shoulder on Wilke Road to ride on, that the paint striping for the crosswalk was gone, and many pot holes in the road. He pointed out the multi-use path to the north of the tracks, but there was not one on the south side.

- Jurgen Juffa presented his plan to get to mid-town shopping. South of Palatine Road is still an area that is only for bold riders and he indicated that area needs a side path to complete the loop to get to all the shopping areas in mid-town. J. Juffa also completed ideas for the bike routes in the southern area of town and ways to Buffalo Grove high school which he also e-mailed to P. Szabo. P. Szabo indicated that he would e-mail these out to the BPAC and all interested parties.
 - Review of the ComEd R-O-W project which would connect Palatine to Prospect Heights. The cost of the project is still undetermined. However, P. Szabo did find cost for prairie grasses that range from \$1200/ acre up to \$8000/acre. B. Schwab reported that she spoke with Executive Director at the Prospect Heights Park District and she said it took them eight years to come to an agreement for maintenance of the right-of-way. Their current agreement is to mow one mower width on each side of the path and not maintain the whole right-of-way. Recently, they received a grant through ComEd called Natural Preservation Grant to explore the use of prairie grass in ComEd right-of-way. M. Walczak reported that the inconsistencies of ComEd maintenance agreements between Village's was brought up at the Northwest Municipal Conference meeting today (October 21, 2014). So, the NWMC is going to try and have a representative from ComEd attend one for their meeting to answer questions.
- Arlington Heights 2015 Bike Ride
 - P. Szabo would like to revamp the ride and possibly downsize the after event activities. J. Daley stated that he heard people felt they could ride longer. P. Szabo agreed and thinks there could be longer and also variable route options. P. Szabo reported that last year there were 282 participants and a \$1,500 budget from the Village. Expenses for the ride included electricity for the event afterwards, porta potties, folding tables, two Village Police Officers, and bike parking which was provided by the Arlington Heights Bike Club. There were 18 volunteers aside from the BPAC. P. Szabo talked to someone from Special Events Commission about fundraising last year and found out that is an option for the BPAC. P. Szabo's idea was to have a t-shirt for the ride available for purchase which could be used to fundraise. P. Szabo requested M. Polonsky plan the rides and M. Polonsky agreed and asked for length of rides to plan. P. Szabo said a 5 miler for children and then 15 miler, 18 miler, 20 miler for the adult rides. P. Szabo will have a timeline for next meeting and will speak with the Police Department about their costs for officers before the next meeting as well. B. Schwab will look into t-shirt fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jurgen Juffa presented that he is a certified Cycling Instructor for the League of Illinois Bicyclist. One of the classes he teaches is the Traffic Skills 101 class and is a basic entry level class which teaches riders how to ride on basic Village streets and sometimes busier Village streets. This class has three parts which consist of an online portion, parking lot drills, and a road test. This class is recommended for people that are at least 14 years old. J. Juffa is looking for a location in Arlington Heights to hold the parking lot drills and the size needs to be 150 ft by 30 ft. Additionally, there needs to be a water fountain and bathroom nearby because the program is five hours long. J. Juffa indicated that he is doing this as a volunteer and has no financial

interest and was looking for support from BPAC to find a location. A. Medsker recommended his church. M. Polonsky suggested that he contact the Park District for use of Frontier Park because on Sunday morning the parking lot is empty. P. Szabo inquired who to contact from the Park District and M. Brown said John Robinson, Superintendant of Recreation would be the appropriate contact. M. Brown also said he would make South Middle School or Thomas Middle School parking lots available and also would be interested in a program that teaching his students to ride bikes to school safely. J. Juffa suggested doing that program in late March or mid May in preparation for Ride your Bike to School Day which is in May. M. Brown inquired if there was any cost and J. Juffa said there was a small fee for a booklet that is required to be purchased for the course and fee required for facility use would also be passed on to participants, but he would volunteer his time.

- P. Szabo asked if any guests had any topics or issues to discuss.
 - o M. Bagby brought up that the light at Golf Road and Goebbert Road does not change unless a car pulls up next to him and he has to wait a long time to get across and requested that a push button be installed at this location.
 - o R. Kee asked if the bike racks at the Arlington Metra station ever get cleared out. M. Polonsky explained that bikes have to be moved every six months and B. Schwab explained that the Police Department does occasionally look for bikes that have not moved, and place a warning sticker on the bike. If the sticker is still on the bike when the Police come around again the bike will be removed.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **M. Polonsky moved to adjourn the meeting. J. Daley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.**

APPROVED:

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Chairman	Date
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Secretary	Date