



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

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
October 21, 2014
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of September 30, 2014

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review of Projects
- B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update
- C. Arlington Heights 2015

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by Resident, Jurgen Jaffa

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes of September 30, 2014

Department: Engineering

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes of September 30, 2014	Minutes

***Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Tuesday, September 30, 2014 in the Hanson Room at Village Hall***

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James K. Daley

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH
Greg Czernecki, Police Department Representative, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jurgen Juffa, Village of Arlington Heights Resident

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, P. Szabo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Polonsky moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting September 9, 2014. A. Medsker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- P. Szabo welcomed Sergeant Greg Czernecki to the BPAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

- P. Szabo presented key issues that he would like to see addressed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which include the following:
 1. Informative route signs
 2. More direct routes between regions, common destinations, and neighboring communities.
 3. Comfortable and shared roadways that are inviting to cyclists.
 4. Practical fixtures at end destinations such as bike racks, bike lockers, repair stands, air pumps, drinking fountains, etc.
 5. An agreement to clean and maintain bikeways.

Based on previous group discussions and feedback received from the BPAC, P. Szabo identified the following improvements as top priorities of the BPAC:

1. Commonwealth Edison Right-of-Way – A. Medsker and P. Szabo want to revisit the idea of installing a multi-use path in the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way that runs east to the west through the Village starting from Rand Road and continues to Village limits to the east. B. Schwab stated that this was looked into prior to her being the liaison for the BPAC and again a few years ago she was asked to look into it again by the BPAC. At that time, it was relayed to B. Schwab that Commonwealth Edison would require the Village to take over mowing for the entire right-of-way if an easement was granted. P. Szabo asked for the estimated cost of mowing/maintenance, B. Schwab replied that she did not have that information but would look into it. P. Szabo asked if her general sense was that the project was shelved due to its cost-prohibitive nature, to which she said yes. P. Szabo responded that the BPAC could look into alternatives, such as prairie restoration. B. Schwab said she believes Commonwealth Edison only allows grass, to which M. Polonsky said that Prospect Heights has prairie grasses and flowers along their utility right of way.
2. Kennicott Avenue and Palatine Road – BPAC would like to see a landing pad for bicyclist that would be identified with paint markings. Also, BPAC would like a push button, and sharrows.
3. Wilke Road from Central to White Oak – Install a bike path along the east side because there is a wide unused parkway with no sidewalk and there is only one driveway to contend with as opposed to the numerous parking lot entrances on the west side of Wilke, which intersect the adjacent sidewalk.
4. Lake Cook Road – Install a safe crossing to get across Lake Cook Road with push button and crosswalk. Ideally, the light would be moved to Schaefer Road.
5. Palatine Road – Install an underpass beneath Palatine Road near the creek at Care Animal Hospital.

P. Szabo asked if there were any more areas that BPAC thought should be identified. All agreed that the aforementioned list covered the most pressing issues, but they would also like to see all intersections at major roads pedestrian and bicycle accessible.

Resident, J. Juffa, also expressed that he would like to see added signage in the intersections, an accessible route for students that go to Buffalo Grove High School that live south of Dundee, and South Middle School students that live to the north. Additionally, he would like to see a safer way to access the shopping centers around Rand Road, Palatine Road, and Arlington Heights Road.

The discussion continued and P. Szabo presented a map showing a list of all suggested improvements to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. B. Schwab stated that some of the locations on the map were already being planned and/or designed.

The first location was Kirchhoff and Dwyer and B. Schwab informed the BPAC that the installation of a wider crosswalk to match the width of the existing bike path had originally been included in the 2014 Street Reconstruction Program, but was pulled and requested to be included in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) resurfacing project Kirchhoff Road. IDOT

agreed to the Village's request and the Engineering Department supplied the plan for the intersection. The project was on the September letting and will probably be constructed in the spring of 2015. B. Schwab explained that the project was moved to IDOT because it is in their right-of-way and the cost of bringing the corners into compliance with the American Disability Acts would now be incurred by the State instead of the Village. However, the flashing beacons and push button would still need to be installed by the Village and this is budgeted for the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year.

The BPAC also expressed a desire for a pedestrian push button at Kennicott and Dundee. B. Schwab reminded the BPAC that intersection improvements were being completed by IDOT and the Village had also requested pedestrian signalization be installed along with a multi-use path along the north side of Dundee. P. Szabo had requested the expected construction date of that project and how far the multi-use path would extend, but B. Schwab needed to look into the specifics of the project and would provide an update at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was a brief discussion on the Frontier Days Bike Valet system. P. Szabo asked if anyone knew anyone on the Frontier Days committee and A. Medsker thought that former BPAC member, Jeanie Gain, was on the committee and volunteered to get in touch with her.
- Brief discussion about Bike Arlington 2015. P. Szabo felt that the after ride events were unnecessary and most people took off after the ride. Most feedback he heard was that people enjoyed the ride and wanted more, so his thought was possibly doing a monthly ride through the summer instead of just one ride. M. Walczak thought it would be a good idea to get elected officials on the ride.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **A. Medsker moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Walczak seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.**

APPROVED:

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Chairman	Date
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Secretary	Date