



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

January 24, 2019
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes - December 6, 2018

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Walk of Silence companion to the Ride of Silence - Discussion led by Commissioner Medsker
- B. Lake-Cook/Wilke Crossing Project Update - Staff Report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. American Walks Webinar-"Creating Safer Streets for All" - February 13, 2019-Informational
- B. Arlington Heights Police Department Representative - present to discuss questions and concerns of the BPAC
- C. IDOT Projects Update - Staff Report

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes of December 6, 2018

Department: Public Works

Minutes - December 6, 2018

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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***Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Thursday, December 6, 2018 in the Hanson Room at Village Hall***

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Juergen Juffa, Chairman
Paul Danko
David Easley
Richard Lenski
Alan Medsker
Charlotte Obodzinski
Lynn Sakata

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Cayer

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, J. Juffa called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P. Danko moved to approve the Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting from November 5, 2018. L. Sakata seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve crossing at Lake Cook Road and Wilke Road Project Update – J. Juffa shared that he received an e-mail from a member of the Terramere Civic Association voicing his concern that the meeting held on November 15 was not a public meeting. B. Schwab explained that this was a stakeholders meeting that was meant to revive the project and bring the various agencies together to generate interest for potential participation in the project. Representatives from Lake County Forest Preserve (Randy Seabach), Arlington Heights Park District (Benjamin Rea), and Cook County Highway Department (Tara Orbon, P.E. and Brian Roberts, P.E., PTOE), and the Village of Buffalo Grove (Darren Monico, P.E.) attended the meeting. B. Schwab presented the project that was bid, but never awarded because of funding shortfall, in 2009 to the attendees. The Village does have money budgeted in the Capital Improvements Projects for 2019, but would still require additional funding to complete the estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 project. Therefore, the Village requested that the Lake County Forest Preserve complete the trail portion of the project and Cook County complete the necessary signal upgrades since it's their jurisdiction. Unfortunately, this was something neither agency could commit to since they had budget shortfalls for their current projects. Lake County did express that they would be willing to let the Village build the trail extension on Lake County property and they would take over maintenance once complete. Their estimation is that the land

is approximately worth \$10,000 and the maintenance equates to about \$1,000 per month in savings for the Village.

B. Schwab stated that the Village only has \$50,000 in the 2019 budget. Since the other agencies are not able to commit funds to the project, the Village will look into grant opportunities to help move the project forward. Some of the grants they will be applying for are Invest in Cook and the TAP-L which the call for projects opens in January for each of these grants. The timeline of the project, however, will be longer than desired. Typically, the award of grants won't get announced until the fall of 2019.

B. Schwab explained that the Village does not know exactly why the project came in so much over the estimate back in 2009, as the bids were never released. However, Cook County is taking a look at the signal to determine if all necessary work was proposed to be able to install the pedestrian signalization and is going to get back to the Engineering Division. C. Obodzinski asked if any trail work was included as part of the project. B. Schwab indicated that trail work was included. That the exiting path is not an actual improved path, but a "goat trail".

A. Medsker asked if the BPAC needed to do anything for the grant application process. B. Schwab is not sure at this point, but may call on BPAC if their assistance is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Easley brought up a grant opportunity called Safe Routes to Parks. B. Schwab indicated that she was aware of the grant program and had looked into. However, it was looking to fund projects for bike and pedestrian plan development which the Village of Arlington Heights just recently completed. Additionally, the grant was going to award up to \$12,500 towards the implementation of one the ideas in the plan that was developed.

J. Juffa inquired if there has been any movement on the Walk of Silence. A. Medsker did not have any new information to share.

R. Lenski inquired about adding signage to the downtown area stating bike riding is not allowed on the sidewalks. He was walking with his son and on Campbell Street on the north side and a cyclist almost hit his son. B. Schwab did provided the feedback from the commission to Village Staff and confirmed that there is an ordinance that states riding bikes on Village sidewalks in the downtown district is prohibited. B. Schwab is not sure where the issues stands and if signage is going to be installed, but will follow up.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Juffa asked if the BPAC is still planning on two community bike rides in 2019, and all commissioners are in full support of holding two bike rides in 2019.

C. Obodzinski asked about the upcoming IDOT project through Arlington Heights. B. Schwab did not have the information available, but will follow up with the commission because there are a number of projects scheduled.

J. Juffa asked if there was any information on Village projects for 2019. B. Schwab said the projects are in development, but the final lists are not ready to be released yet.

D. Easley informed the commission that Active Trans has encouraged some communities to implement "pop-up" complete streets projects. It's described as "a temporary enhancement that provides community members with a tangible visualization of how walking, bicycling, and public transit facilities can create safer, more engaging streets." For example, it would be a "pop-up"

bike lane or crossing. B. Schwab stated that Oak Park just completed one of these projects using metal barriers at a problem intersection near a school. The metal barrier acted as a curb and reduced the width of the intersection and was able to give officials a chance to see how the intersection functioned before moving forward with infrastructure changes. D. Easley talked about how Skokie used potted plants in front of the high school to show how bikes lanes would work. D. Easley asked if this is something that Arlington Heights could look into. J. Juffa suggested using the barricades during a community bike ride along one of the routes to mark off a bike lane as a “pop-up” project. C. Obodzinski suggested “pop-up” bike corrals, or taking parking spaces to show what larger sidewalks would feel like. J. Juffa thinks a good location is a temporary protected bike lane on Windsor south of Palatine Road and a temporary road diet north of Palatine. C. Obodzinski thinks the project could stay up for at least a month. D. Easley likes the idea of kicking off a project with a community bike ride and then keeping it in place for a month after.

C. Obodzinski asked what the high priority projects for the Village are right now. B. Schwab stated that the storm sewer flooding mitigation projects, one in the Cypress Detention area for 2019 and another in the downtown combined sewer area. Additionally, watermain and the annual street programs.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 24. L. Sakata moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Easley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

APPROVED:

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Secretary	Date