

**Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Thursday, April 17, 2025 in the Community Room at Village Hall**

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Lenski
David Easley
Charlotte Obodzinski
Paul Danko
Dr. Jay Virchow

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Juergen Juffa
Lyn Sakata

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Hoscilo, Public Works & Engineering Liaison, VAH
Sergeant Russell Mandel, Police Department, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pete Schmelzer, Arlington Heights Bike Club

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Bauer
Keith Moens

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 25, 2025 BPAC Meeting

C. Obodzinski made motion to approve minutes. D. Easley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

STAFF REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Bike Arlington Community Bike Ride 2025, May 10, 2025

Discussion followed on details of the bike ride. Set up includes 10x10 tent with table for registration. AH Bike club will have 10x10 tent and bike stand and will be able to do minor bike tune ups and will be set up near the registration tent. Public Works Street Unit will bring bike racks/corals for bike parking. Location of those discussed and the need for 4-5 of them. Snowplow trucks will be used as barriers. It is confirmed that Village Cycle and Sport and Dick's Sporting Goods will each have a stand. Registration will start at 9:30 am with ride starting at 10:15 am. In the past there was no internet signal for same day registration on site. D. Hoscilo will check to make sure this issue has been resolved and if not will use paper forms for registration on ride day. 250-300 riders last year. Sign-in discussed. To fulfill liability requirements D. Hoscilo will check to make sure the online registration includes a waiver and

if so no sign in is needed on race day. Advertisement went out on social media. Participant sign-up list, alphabetical by last name, to be brought to Bike Ride. Volunteer assignments discussed. VH Bike club anticipates having 20 people volunteering. D. Easley to purchase snacks from Costco and receipt turned into D. Hoscilo for reimbursement. Bike Ride route and possible rerouting discussed due to road construction. Will make call on day of the ride. Police presence plan in place. Ride leaders discussed for both long and short ride. D. Hoscilo to post updated maps.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Priorities for 2025: R. Lenski prepared the Strategic Priorities for 2025 and everyone has a copy. Questions for staff in regard to this document. C. Obodzinski brought up prior discussion on changing the village wide speed limit to 25 mph and changing minimum traffic lane width from 11 ft to 10 ft to allow for more right-of-way to be reallocated for multi-moto access. D. Hoscilo responded to say that the speed limit issue is a work in progress, laws do not allow for a blanket speed limit provision. He explained the substantial cost and effort it would take for VAH to change the speed limit. He further explained areas that they were addressing where voids were. In regard to the lane width reduction, he will need to look into this and see if anything has been discussed. C. Obodzinski also asked if there were any future plans during any current or upcoming street resurfacing or reconstruction projects to add bike lane striping similar to what VAH did on White Oak. D. Hoscilo responded that in the current North side project near Kennicott they are adding a shared parking/cycling lane. Will confirm locations and get that to the Commission tomorrow.

PROJECT UPDATES:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Martin Bauer expressed concern about various Arlington Heights commissions lacking direct contact with the Village Board. He inquired whether the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) would consider attending Board meetings. Chair Richard Lenski responded that BPAC serves as an advisory body to the Village Board, but noted that the Commission would be open to arranging an annual meeting with the Board to discuss ongoing bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Mr. Keith Moens spoke about Mount Prospect's "Friendly Neighborhood" policy and suggested that Arlington Heights consider adopting a similar approach. Chair Lenski acknowledged the suggestion and stated that reviewing said the policy is among the Commission's planned tasks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

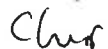
ADJOURNMENT:

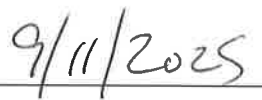
D. Easley moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Obodzinski seconded the motion and **the motion carried unanimously** and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED:



Secretary


Chair



Date