

In attendance: Aldermen S. Bierce, Citizen Members J. Blackwood, R. Ford, J. Vitale, and J. Leonhardt. V. Millevolte was absent and excused. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer K. Tarczewski.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Alderman Bierce called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

2.0 Public Comment – None.

3.0 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the September 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Clerk was unable to have them prepared in time for this meeting. This item will be held over until the next meeting.

4.0 Guest Speaker – Dan Gibes from the Wisconsin Bike Federation to Discuss a Community Audit

The guest speaker had a sick child at home and was unable to attend this evening. This item will be held over until the next meeting.

5.0 Discussion and Possible Action to Create a Committee Mission Statement

Mr. Ross suggested, *“The Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee is dedicated to creating methods for citizens to walk and bike in the City of Pewaukee. We seek to make Pewaukee’s streets and paths safe for all users and to educate cyclists, pedestrians and motorists on safe and lawful road and path use”*.

Ms. Leonhardt suggested, *“Evaluate, engineer, and encourage the use of safe pedestrian and bike networks within the City of Pewaukee”*.

Committee members wanted to think on this item before making a decision. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

6.0 Discussion and Possible Action Related to Other Biking Organizations within Waukesha County

Mr. Vitale submitted a map of the 2012 Waukesha County Bicycle Plan and the Committee reviewed it. Mr. Blackwood stated it appears to match the City’s plan and highlights the major roads. Mr. Blackwood stated the State also has a map of bike paths. It was discussed that Delafield and Oconomowoc are currently developing bike paths in their communities. Mr. Bierce stated he wants to make sure the City’s plan makes sense and connects to other paths.

Mr. Blackwood stated there will be increased traffic on Lindsay Road due to the Sports Complex. They talked about having lights installed, knowing that certain criteria would have to be met. Building a ‘shared use path’ may be a suggestion the committee could make.

Mr. Bierce asked the Committee to look at the map/plan and see what changes should be suggested.

7.0 Review and Discuss the City of Pewaukee's 2003 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan by R.A. Smith and the Bike Trail Map

Mr. Bierce stated a trail is being built south of I-94 near Meadowbrook by the state as part of the bypass project. Mr. Blackwood stated there won't be an immediate connection to the lake country trail at this time but there are plans for the future.

Ms. Leonhardt asked about the City's R.A. Smith plan. Mr. Bierce stated the committee should be reviewing it and see if there are things that need to be changed.

Mr. Ford asked if there were funds set aside for the bike path project. Mr. Bierce stated not at this time. Ms. Leonhardt stated Delafield is pushing tourism/biking and asked if the Committee could request "heads-in-beds" funding. Mr. Bierce stated he will check on Impact Fees to see what is possibly available. Mr. Blackwood suggested new developments should be required to dedicate right-of-way for bike paths so that the City won't have to acquire the land later.

Mr. Vitale provided a copy of the school's 'safe' map showing the hazardous areas within a two mile radius. The group was surprised that there wasn't much area that was dedicated as safe.

Mr. Blackwood suggested state and federal grants may be available to bring about changes needed. Mr. Bierce discussed the possible availability of using tourism funds. Mr. Blackwood stated the rules on what that money can actually be used for has changed.

Ms. Leonhardt stated she doesn't feel the current bike plan encompasses what the committee is trying to accomplish, she said she feels it is outdated. She wants to see 1) safe routes to school, 2) bike trail access and 3) performance biking improvements.

Mr. Ford stated as a performance biker, improvements to Hwy M would be his priority. He said a wide base shoulder would be better for his needs.

Ms. Leonhardt suggested working with a group of parents to connect neighborhoods and determine safe routes to school. There was further discussion about putting signage up to call attention to those routes.

There was discussion about crossing Hwy SS and the different devices that could possibly be installed to call attention to bicyclists trying to cross the street. Lakeview was also mentioned as an area that may be in need of these devices.

8.0 Review and Discuss the Proposed Waukesha County Bicycle Plan

This item was previously discussed above in Item #6.0.

9.0 Next Meeting Date

The Committee decided upon Wednesday, November 30th at 4:30 p.m. to hold the next meeting.

10.0 Public Comment – None.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded, (J. Blackwood, J. Leonhardt) to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Tarczewski - Clerk/Treasurer