

**In attendance:**

J. Blackwood, Alderman R. Grosch, J. Vitale, R. Ford (Virtually) and G. Pascucci.

**Also Present:**

Administrative Assistant T. Grandinetti and Director of Public Works/City Engineer M. Wagner

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Blackwood called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made

3. Discussion and Action to Approve the Bike & Pedestrian Path Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Dated January 29, 2020

**A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, J. Vitale) to approve the January 29, 2020 meeting minutes.** Motion passed: 5- For, 0-Against.

4. Discussion Regarding the Update on the Northview Road Sidewalk Extension Project

Ms. Wagner stated design is about 90 percent completed with the location of the trail, but there are some impediments in the way. She would like to get it finalized and over to utilities so the residents can be notified of things that will need to be removed or the City will be removing as part of the project from the right-of-way. Ms. Wagner stated money will be put into the 2021 budget for construction of the project. Mr. Pascucci asked if she was worried about any objections regarding the project. Ms. Wagner stated the same landscaping conflicts existed during the Northview Road project, but they will know once the letter is sent out to the residents advising them there are things in the right of way that need to be removed.

Mr. Grosch asked what the length of the sidewalk would be and if it would connect to the City of Waukesha sidewalk. Ms. Wagner stated it will connect. Mr. Grosch asked if unused money that is in the budget would be put into the general fund, or if it would be reserved to use in the future. Ms. Wagner stated any funds not spent would go back, although impact fees collected stay with the Bike and Pedestrian fund. Mr. Blackwood stated the length of the sidewalk was roughly 1000 feet. He asked if Jill's Drive would have an ADA compliant curb ramp since there is no curb and gutter. Ms. Wagner stated it will be an ADA compliant ramp with warning fields.

Mr. Pascucci asked if impact fees were being spent. Mr. Blackwood stated there was a one year extension and needs to be used next year or it needs to be returned and the intent is to use the funds. Mr. Blackwood commented that he wasn't sure where the impact fee study stood and it hasn't been

a priority for the Common Council. Mr. Grosch asked how much of the Bike & Pedestrian fees need to be spent. Ms. Wagner stated if the Northview Road sidewalk is built, that would use all of the impact fees banked to date. Mr. Blackwood believed there was roughly \$150,000 - \$165,000 in the account.

5. Discussion Regarding the Update on the Meadowbrook Road Multi Use Path from the Lake Country Trail to Fieldhack Trail

Ms. Wagner stated a wetland delineation was done for Meadowbrook Road and it was requested to do one on the small connector section from Fieldhack to the trail but they received no response from the Condo Association and WE Energies was hesitant to allow us to do one on the easement. To keep SEWRPC moving, Ms. Wagner decided not to do it right now, but will continue having discussions and will work on getting a primary contact with the Condo Association. Ms. Wagner stated they did map the floodplain and once the wetland delineation is done, she felt there would have to be some type of boardwalk across the entire section. She did not know if it would be feasible with the floodplain.

Ms. Wagner felt the better alternative would be the Meadowbrook Road trail. Ms. Wagner put \$150,000 in the budget next year for the design and to begin discussions and get the required permits. Ms. Wagner stated DNR permits will be needed and we will probably need to do a boardwalk from the bridge to the trail, due to the floodplain. Mr. Blackwood stated the only concern was that the eventual trail is going to be on the east side, so this would cause two pedestrian crossings in a short stretch. Ms. Wagner has put additional design dollars in the budget to continue the process and to start modeling for the floodplain. However it is unlikely that they would get permits and constructed started in 2021 and it would instead be a 2022 or 2023 project.

Mr. Grosch asked if a consultant would be hired in 2021. Ms. Wagner stated the \$150,000 is to get the consultant to start working on the floodplain issues, which may be the biggest permit hurdle. Mr. Blackwood asked if permission would be needed from WE Energies to use their right-of-ways to connect in. Ms. Wagner believed we would probably be in the right-of-way and won't be acquiring any land. Ms. Wagner felt WE Energies would not have any issues since it is already a road crossing.

Mr. Blackwood felt it would be good to get this project started.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Proposed in the 2021 City Budget

Mr. Grosch stated there was another project in the budget but wanted to know how it would be handled if it was not in the current plan. Mr. Blackwood stated Duplainville Road is in the Bike and Pedestrian plan. Ms. Wagner stated the original plan was to pave the gravel shoulder. Mr. Blackwood stated it is a thru highway so it could be paved six to eight feet. Discussion took place regarding the reconstruction of Duplainville Road in 2022 or 2023, and it was noted that it will be part of the bridge replacement project. Ms. Wagner stated the City asked that the trails be explored when the roadways are being redone. Design dollars have been put in the budget to start discussion on the trail. Ms. Wagner stated the plan does get a little tricky at Duplainville Road and Capitol Drive due to the right-of-way narrowing and impacts in the right-of-way. The other challenge is Quad Graphics due to parking on the shoulder of the road during truck maneuvering.

Mr. Blackwood stated if they were only paving the shoulder, the design cost should be fairly low. Ms. Wagner mentioned there would be signage, paint striping and some design costs allocated. Mr. Blackwood asked if we could start on some smaller projects if the design cost were minimal, such as the pedestrian crossings with rapid flashing beacons with islands at both Meadowbrook Road and SS. Ms. Wagner stated she can put money in the budget for those projects but they are County roads and would have to work through the process with the County. Mr. Grosch stated it would be nice if we could do something since we have been working on this for a couple of years. Ms. Wagner stated the County does do intermunicipal agreements to ensure liability stays with the City and not the County.

Discussion took place regarding different crossing locations and concerns. Mr. Blackwood stated considering the budget, we would not be able to get anything built for next year, but if the Duplainville Road design dollars come in at less than what is allocated, we could look at the design of a project next on the list.

Discussion took place regarding pedestrian push buttons at Highway 164 & Ridgeview Parkway. Ms. Wagner stated the issue is that it is a busy intersection with no sidewalk, and she recommended tying it to a sidewalk that would connect to the subdivision.

Mr. Grosch discussed the Sustainability Study and stated it covered a number of topics. Transportation and Bike and Pedestrian were two of the areas where the City was lacking. Mr. Grosch stated people felt the two most important projects were Watertown Road to get a path into the Village through the City and Meadowbrook Road project with a connection to the village. Ms. Wagner stated the Watertown Road project from North Avenue to Springdale Road was coming up in 2023 or 2024.

7. Discussion to Select the Next Meeting Date and Possible Items to go on the Upcoming Agenda

Mr. Grosch suggested the Clerk distribute copies of the Sustainability Plan and he suggested implementing a couple of items. Ms. Wagner asked the Committee if they would like to see plans as they move forward. Mr. Blackwood stated he would like to see them, and the Board can discuss them at the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm.

8. Public Comment

No public comment was made

9. Adjournment

**A motion was made and seconded (G. Pascucci, J. Vitale) to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm**

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tia Grandinetti  
Administrative Assistant