

In attendance: J. Blackwood, R. Ford, Alderman R. Grosch, J. Leonhardt and J. Vitale. Also present was Deputy Clerk A. Hurd.

**1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Blackwood called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.

**2.0 Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**3.0 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Meeting Minutes Dated May 17, 2017**

Mr. Blackwood stated Ms. Tarczewski did not have a chance to complete the minutes, so they will be taken up at the next meeting.

**4.0 Update Regarding the Common Council's Discussion and Possible Action to Send a Letter to the Pewaukee School District Requesting the Completion of the Path along the Soccer Fields Near Coachman Drive**

Mr. Grosch stated the Common Council passed a resolution approving the sending of the letter.

Mr. Vitale agreed to be the contact person for the letter and noted that he has already spoken with John Gahan at the school and they already have a bid on it. He believed it was around \$6,000 to \$9,000. The paving already goes to the end of field.

Mr. Vitale stated the district questioned when the path would need to be done by. Mr. Blackwood felt it would be whenever they're willing to get it done, we cannot force their hand. He thought next year would be the earliest.

Mr. Grosch questioned if we should target next spring or summer, and Mr. Blackwood suggested next summer.

**5.0 Update on Attending the Town of Delafield Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Mr. Grosch and Mr. Blackwood were both at the meeting. Overall, the Town was not against it and in the end, they forwarded it on to the Parks Committee for future discussion. A few of the members wondered why they would need a separate set of signs because they already mark Maple Avenue as a bike trail. It would need to be a

uniform sign around the whole lake or else no one would understand it. Mr. Blackwood mentioned that he explained the signs to them and asked for feedback. They did seem to be in support but there was no talk of dollars.

Discussion took place regarding the current signage placement in the Town of Delafield.

## **6.0 Discussion and Possible Action on Future Steps to Implement the Pewaukee Lake Loop**

Mr. Blackwood felt the next step would be to reach out to the Village and get on a Village Board agenda. The County would need to be contacted as well to make sure they are okay with placing signs within their right-of-ways on portions of Highway JJ, KE and SS.

It was noted that the County was okay with people using the Lake Country path, as long as we don't encourage big groups of high speed riders. Mr. Blackwood mentioned contacting WE Energies to make sure they would be okay with it because they are the owners of the property. The Ice Age Trail already has signage on it.

Mr. Blackwood summarized that he will have City Clerk Kelly Tarczewski contact the Village of Pewaukee Clerk to get on an agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Grosch questioned if we touch the Village of Hartland, but it was uncertain what the limits were. They may have to contact Hartland.

It was noted that the other communities would be responsible for their own sign purchase and maintenance. We could specify what we want the sign to be and all three communities could sit down together to come up with a plan for the signs.

## **7.0 Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Changes to Chapter 18 of the City of Pewaukee Municipal Code Regarding Dedication of Right-Of-Way or Easement for Future Sidewalks and/or Bike Paths**

Mr. Blackwood stated there is normally not enough right-of-way to build these paths. There is a stipulation in the City's code that the City Engineer can require a developer to construct a bike path or sidewalks. If a developer comes in, if needed, they would need to dedicate right-of-way to the City for future bike path use. It could even be set up as a permanent easement so that the City is not responsible for maintaining the land. It is greenspace until the time it gets used, and if it never gets used, it is just extra greenspace.

Mr. Grosch wanted to see some wording to encourage the City to create paths, especially in instances of the green road project. He felt it was a serious mistake not having a path there. Mr. Ford noted that there was not a group three years ago pushing for that.

Ms. Leonhardt felt there was meant to be a more rural feeling in the community and there was not a push for things that made it feel more urbanized. That view seems to be shifting.

Mr. Blackwood suggested thinking about this and the Committee can talk about it next month and put some wording together for the Common Council. The Planner should look at it as well.

#### **8.0 Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Changes to the City of Pewaukee Municipal Code Regarding Consideration of Including Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Facilities on Roadways During City Rehabilitation and Reconstruct Projects**

As the City is rebuilding roads, there should be a requirement to evaluate if it is feasible to install a path along the road. There would have to be language that it is evaluated, it should not be required for every single project. This would only be for routes that are already on the plan.

It was noted that City Clerk Kelly Tarczewski spoke to the City Engineer Jeff Weigel to update it to include at least the lake loop so that the impact fee study could be updated so that there was the ability to use impact fee funds.

Mr. Blackwood suggested thinking about it and bringing it back up again next month.

#### **9.0 Update Regarding Bike Rodeo Training Offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Bike Federation**

Mr. Vitale stated he attended a bike safety event and received information about organizing a bike rodeo. He was thinking about holding it next spring, possibly at the school. There are different stations, such as a bike helmet safety station and an informational station. The idea behind the rodeo is that people go to all of the different stations. The school district was looking to spearhead it along with help from the community.

It was discussed that maybe Trek could sponsor the event.

Mr. Vitale stated they also looked at a study on speed limits and the rates of fatalities. Discussion took place regarding the speed limits in various areas of the City and the survival rates in accidents as relates to the speed limit.

Ms. Leonhardt suggested looking at everything related to bike and pedestrian safety and questioned if that was something the Committee wanted to bring to the Common Council as relates to reducing the speed limit on roads such as Highway SS. Mr. Blackwood stated a study would need to be done. Discussion took place regarding the method to setting speed limits.

Mr. Vitale stated the Bike Federation may be willing to help out at a bike rodeo. They will need to look at school district's lot for part of the event.

**10.0 Set the Date for the Next Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting**

The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Blackwood requested the members let him know if they know anyone interested in serving on the Committee.

Mr. Grosch suggested putting something on the City's website to collect signatures on a petition to see how many City residents are in favor of better bike paths. Mr. Blackwood agreed and suggested setting up an online survey to go out with the tax bills or water bills directing people to the City's website. He stated he would ask the City Clerk to put the survey on the next agenda.

The survey, recreational routes and ordinance changes will be on the next agenda.

**11.0 Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**12.0 Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, R. Ford) to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 PM.**

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ami Hurd  
Deputy Clerk