

In attendance: Mayor S. Bierce, Alderman R. Grosch, J. Blackwood, R. Ford and J. Leonhardt. J. Vitale was absent and excused. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer K. Tarczewski.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Bierce called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
- 2.0 Public Comment – None.
- 3.0 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Meeting Minutes Dated March 15, 2017

A motion was made and seconded, (R. Grosch, J. Blackwood) to approve the meeting minutes dated March 15, 2017. Motion Passed: 4-For, 0-Against.

- 4.0 Discussion with Jason Wilke, Senior Landscape Architect from the Waukesha County Parks & Planning Department Related to the Committee's Ideas of Creating a Lake Loop Bike Trail

Mr. Jason Wilke from Waukesha County Park and Land Use Office was present for this item. He stated the County has concerns about performance bikers using the county trail. They feel there will be a conflict between the recreational users and the high speed bikers that could potentially cause safety issues. Mr. Blackwood stated that is not the intent of the trail and believes the newspaper misrepresented the plan. He said it was just meant to be a signed path around the lake for the more experience rider and not for pelotons. He said he didn't think the number of bikers using the County trail would necessarily increase due to the City's initiative.

Mr. Ross stated performance bikers know to reduce speeds in situation where there are 'slower-speed' people because the 'slower-speed' people don't know how to act around performance bikers.

Mr. Wilke stated the County is in favor of the concept of the plan.

He said the County is planning on updating their park and open space plan. They plan to solicit input in the fall of this year and adopt it next year.

Mr. Blackwood asked if the City would be allowed to hang signage on some of the County's preexisting poles. Mr. Wilke state the County would most likely entertain hanging the signs but we'd also have to work with WE Energies because the County leases some land or right-of-way from them. Mr. Wilke added it would have to be at the City's expense.

Mr. Blackwood asked about the status of the trail from Frame Park in Waukesha to Mitchell Park in Brookfield. Mr. Wilke stated there were some right-of-way issues and it is being reevaluated due to funding and right-of-way issues.

Ms. Leonhardt asked about the Lake Country Recreational Trail and whether or not it could be connected to Meadowbrook trail. Mr. Wilke stated the County would encourage the connection but they won't incur the costs.

- 5.0 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Request to Extend Meadowbrook Trail

Mr. Bierce stated this request came from a resident. Susan Van Aartsen (W278N2443 Prospect Avenue) was present, she said it is dangerous getting off the Lake Country Trail. She said Prospect Avenue and Meadowbrook Road are nice to bike and run on. She asked if more shoulder could be added to make it safer. Mr. Blackwood stated they are both County

roads and the City has no control over that.

Jackie Worshauer (N17 W2684 E Fieldhack Drive) she said she can't get to the Meadowbrook Road safely. She asked for a foot bridge on Fieldhack Drive. Mr. Blackwood stated Fieldhack has an issue with a stream or waterway. He said that connection could be very costly since it would also need to be ADA compliant. Mr. Bierce stated acquiring the right-of-way could be an issue if the land is owned by the condominium association. In that case all owners would need to agree.

6.0 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

Ms. Leonhardt presented a sample letter and a few changes were suggest. She stated she'd like to get Mr. Vitale's permission to use him as the contact if the School District has any questions.

A motion was made and seconded, (R. Grosch, J. Blackwood) to forward the Pewaukee School District letter requesting a path along the soccer fields to the Common Council for their approval to release it. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

7.0 Update on Attending the Town of Delafield Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017

Ms. Tarczewski confirmed that the Town Clerk placed the Committee's request on their agenda to address their Board and speak to them about the Lake Loop Trail. Mr. Blackwood and Mr. Grosch stated they were available to attend the meeting.

8.0 Update on Wisconsin Bike Federation Bike Summit Conference

Mr. Grosch stated he attended the conference and went to a presentation given by SEWRPC related to their Vision 2050 plan. He stated Washington DC may have money to develop bike and pedestrian trails. He said the Route of the Badger showed interest in that. Mr. Blackwood stated it would most likely involve additional funding from the local municipality.

Mr. Grosch stated he also attended a session given by Wisconsin D.O.T regarding suggestions for a highway safety plan by providing bike and pedestrian trails. They also stressed safety training for kids. There was also a session given by the U.S.D.O.T. regarding small towns and rural multi-modal networks and the importance of designing trails and having proper signage for mixed use. The full copy of the report is available in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Grosch also stated the State is looking into the future of driverless vehicles to assist and transport disabled individuals. He said electric bikes are also being promoted which can reach speeds up to 30 MPH and have a 30 mile range. He stated he thinks this will be the future and we should consider this when the City lays out its roads.

9.0 Update on Strategic Highway Safety Plan Development Survey

Mr. Grosch shared a portion of the State report giving safety recommendations. The full report is available in the Clerk's office. He stated he was very surprised with all the statistics that were given about accidents and injuries involving pedestrians and bicycles.

Ms. Leonhardt stated task #2 is enforcement. She asked if the Sheriff's Department could be more visible. Mr. Grosch stated that would be great for more police presence before and after school. Mr. Bierce stated it would be as simple as communicating that need to the Sheriff's Department and they will make it happen.

10.0 Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a New Chairperson to the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee

Mr. Bierce stated he will be stepping down from the committee due to his new position with the City and the added responsibilities. He said he has really enjoyed working with everyone due to their passion. He thanked everyone for their participation.

A motion was made and seconded, (S. Bierce, R. Grosch) to appoint Jim Blackwood as the new Chairperson to the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee.

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

11.0 Set the Date for the Next Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting

The next date was set for June 21st at 4:30 p.m.

12.0 Public Comment - None.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded, (R. Ford, J. Blackwood) to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Tarczewski
Clerk/Treasurer