

Medina County Bicycle Transportation Task Force

July 5, 2018

Medina County Administration Building

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present were: Nate Eppink (Medina County Park District), John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Dan Hostetler (Medina County Convention and Visitors Bureau) Tony Ratejczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Medina County representative), Co-Chair Beth Schnabel, Suzanne Swain (Friends of Medina Parks), and Glenn Wojciak (The Post Newspapers).

Call to Order

Beth called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. She invited visitor Nate Eppink to introduce himself. He is the park district's capital projects coordinator and will assume the duties of park district director on Oct. 1, following the retirement of current director Tom James. Nate shared that he is enjoying being part of the Medina County community and looks forward to working with the task force. Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles) arrived at 11:37 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 7 meeting were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne reported a balance of \$3,387.52 She also noted she has obtained a Medina post office box (P.O. box no. 1475). Suzanne will keep one of the keys. Lynne will keep the second key at Century Cycles. Suzanne reported the non-profit application forms are with Commissioner Bill Hutson for review. Accountant Bill Kendell also will review them.

Old Business

Beth reviewed the slate of officers and at-large members for the proposed non-profit Bike Medina County board. They are: Beth Schnabel (president), Tim Smith (first vice president), Lynne Nawalaniec (second vice president), Suzanne Swain (treasurer) and John Gladden (secretary). At-large members: Roger and Mara Hornstrom (one vote) and Tony Ratejczak. Dan made a motion to accept. Suzanne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tim Smith (co-chair) arrived at 11:58 a.m.

Beth reported her visits to township trustee meetings to promote 3-foot signs have been well-received. She has visited Liverpool, Litchfield and York townships and received commitments to place 22 signs. Beth plans to visit Medina County Commissioners, as well as Medina Township, and has been in conversation with Medina Mayor Dennis Hanwell and County Engineer Andy Conrad. There are currently 13 signs in the city of Medina, which will be replaced by the new

30-inch by 30-inch signs. Conrad has concerns regarding some of the suggested sign placements on county roads. Beth will work with him to resolve his concerns.

Suzanne and Beth reported Pizzapalooza was well-attended. They handed out a large number of bike maps to cyclists and collected \$33 in donations to Bike Medina County.

Tony reported on his ongoing discussions with Hanwell regarding bike parking in the downtown area. Tony pointed out new signage prohibiting bikes on sidewalks makes cyclists feel unwelcome -- especially kids who may want to ride to school or the library. He has asked the mayor to consider changing the signs to ask cyclists to walk their bikes on sidewalks, which is a little friendlier language. With several bike routes and tours converging on the square, Tony believes the city and bike advocates need to do more to make cyclists feel welcome.

New Business

Beth reviewed the subject of liability insurance for Bike Medina County and its board members. Dan will look into potential options and costs.

Beth introduced the idea of establishing membership fees for Bike Medina County. The consensus of the group was that it may be a possibility down the road, but we need to wait until we have more incentives and opportunities to offer cyclists (events, discounts at bike shops, etc.) to give them more value for their money.

Tim reported KHM Travel will donate the printing of additional brochures for the Lake to Lake ride. He is also working on a low-cost deal for reusable yard signs to promote the ride.

Committee Reports

Lynne reported the events committee met July 2 and plans are coming together for this year's Lake to Like ride. She asked Dan if he would be able to supply at least a couple of additional signs to help direct cyclists at the entrances to Buckeye Woods Park. Dan said he should be able to do that.

Under the auspices of the education committee, Beth said she would like to work to share Lynne's list of cycling etiquette guidelines with more cyclists.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 2 at the Medina County Administration Building.

Adjournment

Tim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1 p.m. Dan seconded. All voted in favor.