



Mequon/Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission  
Friday April 1, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.  
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

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## MINUTES

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### Current Member Listing –

**City of Mequon:**

Terence Mooney, Kristin Wade, Carol Leonard (**Chairperson**), Robert Lengh  
Ald. Strzelczyk

**Village of Thiensville:**

Daniel Waschow, John Treffert, John Liegeois

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Chairperson C. Leonard. Those present were T. Mooney, J. Liegeois, J. Treffert, and D. Waschow. Absent were R. Lengh and K. Wade. The City was represented by J. Keegan and recording secretary B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of February 5, 2016.

**Discussion:** C. Leonard asked if there were any comments on the minutes of February 5th. J. Waschow moved to approve. T. Mooney seconded. A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

### RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

3. Resident Concerns

A. Interurban Crossing at Donges Bay Rd – J. Keegan

**Discussion:** Tabled until such time as J. Keegan can join this meeting.

B. Sign at OIT for the Jonathan Clark House – Nina Look

**Discussion:** No residents to discussion any further action.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

6. Bike Racks – C. Leonard

**Discussion/Approval:** C. Leonard said that we have one to place and needs to get in touch with Public Works to see what it looks like. Nina Look from the Jonathan Clark House has indicated an interest in getting a bike rack to give bikers the ability to bike to it. C. Leonard will contact Public Works.

7. Park Board & Bike Commission meeting –C. Leonard

A. Mountain Biking

**Discussion/Approval:** C. Leonard was unable to attend the last meeting as she was out of town on business but will attempt to go this month. The County is putting in Mountain Biking in MeeKwon Park. Alderman Strzelczyk asked us to check with the Park Board if there is another place to have an additional Mountain Biking path.

8. Other Business

**Discussion:** J. Keegan joined the meeting and there being no other items for discussion returned to Item 4 Priority Information List for further discussion.

4. Priority Information List – C. Leonard

**Discussion:** C. Leonard created packet of small maps to show where each is on the list to make it easier for everyone to understand and visualize where the items are located. C. Leonard began going over the list starting with:

**No. 2 Green Bay Rd - 4' lanes Lake Bluff to Highland Rd.** This is on the north end of Thiensville and should be done this year. J. Keegan confirmed it would be and also stated that item **No. 28 (Deleted) 4'lanes from Highland Rd to Pioneer** on the Prioritization list, is not going to happen. The roadway would be repaved this year, but the logistics of getting 4' bike lanes in there is infeasible. Too many trees would need to be taken

down, utilities poles move and there would be opposition from residents regarding trees. J. Treffert stated that this item No. 28 should be deleted. J. Keegan said that we will try and do an edge line so there is about 6 inches.

**No. 3 Freistadt Rd-Signs routing bikes to the Riverview Dr.** Carol Leonard said that Freistadt (all of which is in Thiensville) is a very busy road with curb and we would recommend that bikers should go instead to Riverview Dr. by way of alternate route signs. J. Treffert said that he talked to Andy LaFond of DPW and said that Andy is concerned about sign clutter. J. Liegeois asked what it would say. J. Treffert said "Alternative Bike Route". Riverview Dr. is a more biker friendly street. J. Treffert said he would check with Andy further regarding this.

**No. 4 Highland Rd – 4' bike lane OIT to Wasaukee Rd (5.6 miles).** C. Leonard said that this is not a road you want to bike on as there are no shoulders and the road is pretty rough itself. J. Treffert said that their not going to put a bike lane on it separately now, but when the road is reconstructed, and was unsure as to when that would happen.

**No. 5 River Rd – 4' Paved Shoulder Heidel Rd-Freistadt Rd.** J. Treffert said that River Rd was redone about 5 years ago and some of the shoulder was left off, so the chances of having the bike lanes added now is pretty slim.

**No. 6 (Deleted) Swan Rd – Sign Directing east to Nature Preserve.** C. Leonard asked who was asking to have a sign on Swan Rd directing people to the Nature Preserve. J. Treffert felt the initiative for this should come from the Nature Preserve. C. Leonard said to delete No 6. All agreed.

**No. 10 (Low Feasibility) Swan Rd-Hiking Trail-Concord Dr. to Nature Center.** C. Leonard said there is a parking lot at Swan and one on Donges Bay. How necessary is it to make hiking trails? And if it is necessary to make hiking trails the shorter hiking trail would probably be to the parking lot on Donges Bay. J. Keegan said when we reconstruct Swan that would be the time to tackle this. C. Leonard said that we are moving this down to the end of the list.

**No. 7 Donges Bay Rd-5' Lanes Cedarburg Rd to Wauwatosa Rd (1.5 mi).** J. Keegan said that the City was going to try and get it this year, it's not going to happen in 2016 because of our work load, but it looks like 2017 would be the year. It's a priority and more challenging because of the railroad and maintaining traffic for the industrial users.

**No. 8 (Low Feasibility) Highland Rd-Off Rd Path – Rotary Park to Laurel Ln.** C. Leonard asked if this was something that we could do. J. Keegan said that this is private property. You would be cutting between two homes at the end of a cul de sac and this is where it would get tricky. It would be a political challenge to compel the homeowners to designate some of their land as public. T. Treffert suggested sorting some of the items on the list by feasibility and moving this item to the bottom of the list.

**No. 9 (State) Wauwatosa Rd-Stripe and Sign bike/ped lanes south of Mequon.** J. Keegan said this road is under state jurisdiction. There are two new subdivisions going in on the west and bike lanes have been added to part of this road and it's a pretty wide road. J. Treffert suggested putting it in the low feasibility list and leave it there.

**No. 11 (Low Feasibility) Mequon Rd – 4' lanes I-43 Overpass to Lake Shore Dr.** J. Keegan said that we talked about Lake Shore Drive and wasn't sure if it included the loop back to the freeway. When I-43 is reconstructed they will have some sort of bike connection and this will give us something to connect too. It could be left on the list but would be redone when the roadway is reconstructed.

**No. 12 Lake Shore Dr.-Re-stripping-Glen Oaks to Mequon Rd.** J. Keegan is going to check into this item for the next meeting. T. Mooney thought that the lanes were stripped 3 ft. wide verses 4 ft. wide.

**No. 13 Lake Shore Dr-4' bike lanes (including Zedler Ln).** C. Leonard commented that Lake Shore Dr. needs to be redone. J. Keegan said that it may not be done for 2 years and that's when it's being targeted for. When that time comes we will look at getting bike lanes in there. Sewer may be going in here as well, so we won't redo the road until we are sure where the sewer is going.

**No. 14 (State) Mequon Rd – 4' lanes-Swan Rd to Wasaukee Rd.** J. Keegan said that this is under the control of the state and should be pulled. C. Leonard asked if we want to leave state highways on or off. T. Treffert suggested leaving it on but in a new category and labeled as State Highway Projects.

**No. 15 Donges Bay Rd-2-way, off-road trail Lemke Park to Wasaukee Rd (south).** C. Leonard said that this was also a resident concern. J. Keegan also mentioned that Caroline Fochs, the Deputy City Clerk had requested that we discuss this. She lives in Council Hills and see's the benefit of it. She asked that I bring up her concern at the last meeting. The limiting factor is the Menomonee River Bridge which is to narrow. It would require a separate pedestrian bridge be built over the Menomonee River and would be costly. We Energies is also looking at putting in a 24' high pressure gas main down Donges Bay Rd. It will be beside the road and then switches to go north of the road for a way. We can't piggy back on We Energies easements; we would have to get our own because it would be for a different use. The hardest and most expensive part is getting over the river.

**No. 16 Donges Bay Rd-continues 5' lanes beyond Grasslyn to River Rd.** C. Leonard asked where the 5' lanes are now. J. Keegan stated that the seal coating process has completely failed and we are in the process getting it fixed with the contractor. We're not seal coating any roads this year as a result until we figure out what happened. C. Leonard stated that we need to amend this to say 4' lanes as that is how wide the lanes are now.

**No. 17 County Line Rd – 5' paved shoulder added to north side of County Line Rd.** J. Keegan said that all of County Line Rd has been reconstructed and this should be removed. He also said that there are 4' paved shoulders the whole length and is a completely new road. C. Leonard said this will be moved to completed projects.

**No. 18 (State) Pt Washington Rd – 4' bike lane Kathryn Dr. to County Line Rd.** J. Keegan said this is another state project. When I-43 is reconstructed they are going to reconstruct Pt Washington Rd. Their plans include a 4' bike lane but also a shared use path. We won't be doing any work on Pt Washington Rd until the state comes to reconstruct it. C. Leonard said that we are going to move this item to state projects.

**No. 19 (Low Feasibility) River Rd-Lac Du Cours off road bike/ped path.** J. Keegan said he didn't see how there ever would be room. There is no room on the left side of the roadway because you're right up against the Milwaukee River and on the right side you're up against the Lake in certain locations. Even with 4' shoulders you would have to purchase right of way. C. Leonard asked if we want to change to 4' shoulders or leave as bike/ped path and put into low feasibility. J. Treffert replied the 4' shoulders and move to low feasibility. J. Keegan said the 4' shoulders was a good idea, because when we look at redoing the road we can see if it is feasible or not.

**No. 20 County Line Rd – 4' paved shoulder added to North side of road.** J. Keegan said a portion of this is River Hills maintenance Jurisdiction from Range Line to I-43. The section east of the freeway is Baysides. So from Range Line Rd to River Rd is ours. Everything west of the river has been reconstructed so that can be taken off the list. This may tie into the River Road thing. C. Leonard said to update item to read from Range Line to River Road.

**No. 21 (State) Mequon Rd – Continue sidewalks to Meadowbrook Dr. and Whilton Rd.** C. Leonard said that this is another state project and will be moved to that list.

**No. 22 (Low Feasibility) River Rd-Bike/ped bridge over Milwaukee River-Mequon to Mequon.** C. Leonard said that this project is pretty similar to the Donges Bridge over the Milwaukee River. This item will be move to the end of the list with low feasibility.

C. Leonard made a motion from the current list of 2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Recommendations that we are going to remove Items No. 6 (Swan Road) and 28 (Green Bay Rd) from the list. Move item No. 17 County Line Rd to being complete. Create a new section for State Projects which will include numbers 9 (Wauwatosa Rd), 14 (Mequon Rd), 18 (Pt Washington Rd), and 21 (Mequon Rd) and then we are going to move the following five items to the end of the list under low feasibility, number 8 (Highland Rd), 10 (Swan Rd), 11 (Mequon Rd), 19 (River Rd) and 22 (River Rd). J. Treffert seconded. A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

#### 5. Bike Path Ahead Signs

Status of sign placement by Public Works Department

**Discussion/Approval:** Tabled until such time as J. Keegan can join this meeting.

Next meeting: May 6th, 2016.

#### 9. Adjourn

J. Treffert motioned to Adjourn.

C. Leonard seconded.

A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 2 absent

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Dated: April 11, 2016

/s/ Carol Leonard, Chairperson

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