



Village of Bartlett
Bike and Run Committee Minutes
October 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adam Hopkins called the regular meeting of the Bike and Run Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: A. Hopkins, D. Palmer, J. Goetz, B. Krall

Absent: J. Doherty

ALSO PRESENT: A. Barna, Associate Planner, B. Krause, Associate Planner, N. Talarico, Village Engineer, A. Saravanapandian, Civil Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024 meeting.

Motioned by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: D. Palmer

ROLL CALL

Ayes: A. Hopkins, J. Goetz, D. Palmer, B. Krall

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman A. Hopkins asked if there were any comments from the public. **Terry Witt** 471 S Western Avenue, Bartlett spoke to the committee about how they can all participate in Safe Travel for All website, take a survey, pin the map, and add comments. He stated that he has added comments to install a crosswalk at Route 25, a crosswalk at Lake Street and Naperville Road, a speed table on S. Bartlett Road at the stables for the ComEd crossing so that people in wheelchairs and with strollers can push across at the same level to let cars know to slow down. He also said that we can put our bike plan ideas on the Safe Travel for All website to help move that along with the county to help us. They are putting the grant for the path down Stearns Road in the spring if that passes. The Village, the Park District and community organizations sent letters of support. The path that goes along Munger Road, but at the intersections, the cars do not stop at the stop signs. I would like to see more visibility of the crosswalk with a white stop line and a sign for the trail crossing. A couple of the ADA ramps at the crossings are not flush to the road. There is a 2" to 4" drop. **N. Talarico** said, we just finished that work yesterday. The whole area has been ground out and all of the drop offs are gone. The crosswalks will be striped at Schiferl Road and Brewster Creek Blvd. We will look into the additional bike path signage.

Laura Winters 1309 Highpoint Ct, Bartlett said that the intersection at Lake Street and Naperville Road needs a crosswalk, ideally a bridge. Last year, we spoke about how to get from my house to downtown Bartlett. Now we have the issue of 200 plus homes being built on Munger Road. They have built a sidewalk to the train tracks. What are the plans for the future of connecting all of us from Lake Street to Stearns Road to get the Fox River Trail? The main issue is how do we get across Lake Street safely and connecting us? We have to go through Villa Olivia down Spaulding Road and across Stearns Road to get to the Fox River Trail. We like to bike to destinations and would like to bike to downtown Bartlett, but it is a safety hazard. **A. Hopkins** staff can contact you and let you know what is in the works for that. **J. Goetz** there is a Lake Corridor Street plan with bike paths included. **N. Talarico** between Spaulding and Highpoint Court, I do not believe that the bike path is going to be extended north of Spaulding as part of the Grasslands development. **D. Palmer** I live near Villa Olivia and I am very familiar with the area. I know of plans for the railroad crossing, but I do not know how quickly the bike paths will come on either side. That is an ongoing issue for me and a lot of people who live on either side of Naperville Road. There are a couple of different versions for Route 20. I do not know if there is a final design. Any of those designs would include the ability to get west by bike, which is good. I do know that the plans contain eastbound Route 20 dual turn lanes onto Naperville Road.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

D. Palmer stated he would like to have a discussion about the recommendation for different classes of E bikes for the Village Board. The pedal assists are very different from the 25 to 30 mile an hour fully-powered bicycles. I would like to see that on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting. **A. Barna** staff can add that to the agenda. **A. Hopkins** we can see what other communities are doing too. **D. Palmer** the warning crossing light on Prospect Avenue was installed in the last 3-4 months. Are there other locations being considered for that? **N. Talarico** those signs were a few thousand dollars. That came about through discussions with the Village Board for traffic calming. ComEd would not allow the Village to put a raised median there. We chose that intersection first because it is in the Bartlett right-of-way. The next location we are looking into is the ComEd bike path at S. Bartlett Road. We just need the approval from the County to install those. **D. Palmer** Schick Road and Fairfax Road would be a prime location for that. We could make recommendations and requests to the Village Board.



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PARK DISTRICT UPDATES

Kim Dasbach said, we are going into discussions for capital projects for the next physical year. We are working with Village staff to see what we need to budget for the next year.

BIKE PATH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

N. Talarico stated that we just finished the Munger Road path yesterday and will continue with the striping. Village staff is currently repaving the bike path on the north side of Stearns Road to Newport Avenue going west. We did Newport Avenue up to Ruzika Park over the last couple of years and now we will continue down Newport Avenue to Bittersweet Road where we started to install the new path a few years ago. That whole stretch will be completed possibly by the end of this year, depending on the weather. Those are done in-house. We have a grinder and a paver, and they are turning out pretty nice. We also did S. Bartlett Road to Mayflower Road this year. We received the IDOT grant for the bike path under route 59. We are still trying get access for soil borings. METRA is still in the design phase for the crossing on Naperville Road. In the next couple of weeks, the bike paths that we have recently paved will be sprayed with a paving preserver to help prolong the life of the new pavement. We plan to incorporate on the on-street bike path along Fairfax Avenue from Schick Road to Army Trail Road. We will stripe that next year with our road project and will resurfacing Gatewood and portion of Fairfax Road. It looks wide enough and we should be able to do something similar to what we did on Spaulding Road with the double-yellow lines and bike lines on each side. **J. Goetz** asked, what are the plans for next year? **N. Talarico** the Streets Department tries to complete a certain amount of footage every year as time allows. I see us continuing through town and if there are any recommendations for stretches that you would like us to look into, we will put those on the list. This is all down in-house and we can be flexible. We have a maintenance table that we use in Public Works and keep track of when the paths were paved and when they were sprayed. **B. Krall** asked, does the Village encourage comments from the public for this resurfacing project on social media? **N. Talarico** no, not typically, these are in-house projects and are part of our general maintenance program. We are continuing to spread the word on these projects using social media for notifications.

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE UPDATE

B. Krause presented the final draft of the Bartlett Wayfinding Signage Plan. Staff has been working with the committee and members of the public for about a year or so to install signs that do a good job of convincing people that there are many assets in the community that are very accessible via bike and we want to show that not just for users that are on the trails, but also people driving by. At our last meeting in June, we presented a draft of the plan. The biggest change from the draft and the final plan is the addition of corridor wayfinding signage. The bicycle signs are intended for the shared use paths and the corridor signs are for intersections where there is a key decision point or entrances into the community. We felt it was important to combine these into one signage plan. A lot of problems that other towns run into is they have a disjointed plan. We wanted to make sure that we had one style and policy guide for future signage installations. The map shows the destinations that the signs are pointing users towards. On the west side, Kohler Fields and the State park are not currently accessible to the rest of the Village via bike, but when they do eventually become accessible, those are the first signs that we want to make sure are included as future signs. All 6 of the locations were presented in June. On the corridor plan, the signs will be located at the entrances of the Village as well as key intersections pointing users to the major destinations within the Village. Only one sign would be in the Village right-of-way and the rest of the sign are not. Installation of those could take much longer based on the intergovernmental agreements that those signs will need.



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Design specifics as well as cost estimations are in the plan. We have a sign sample that was made by Public Works that is to scale so that you can see what the signs will look like. This was a true collaboration between PDS staff and Public Works for design input and we are very happy with the outcome. These will be single-post double signs where applicable with an element of modularity where each green section is intended to be separatable for when more locations become accessible and we will be able to add those rather than printing a new sign. **A. Hopkins** I am pleased with the sign. **B. Krall** asked, what is the schedule for the installation of the signs? **B. Krause** this plan will need approval from the Village Board. We will need a formal recommendation to the Village Board from this committee. The earliest that could happen is at the November 19 Village Board Meeting where this plan would actually need to be adopted as an official policy if the Board chooses to do so. **N. Talarico** I do think it is possible to get some of the signs installed before the end of the year. **D. Palmer** said, I like that the standardized green signs are the final product. That is universal instead of just unique to Bartlett. **A. Hopkins** I think it is great and maybe some of the signs will be installed before the end of the year. **N. Talarico** said it is possible that some of the signs will be installed before the end of the year. **A. Hopkins** that would be something exciting to post on social media to promote it a little bit. **N. Talarico** yes, we could do that.

A. Hopkins made a motion to pass on a positive recommendation to the Village Board to adopt and implement the Bartlett Wayfinding Signage Plan.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by: D. Palmer

Seconded by: B. Krall

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.