



Village of Bartlett
Bike and Run Committee Minutes
June 26, 2025

B. Krall made a motion to elect Dan Palmer as Acting Chairman for the June 26, 2025 meeting.

Motioned by: B. Krall

Seconded by: J. Goetz

Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman, Dan Palmer called the regular meeting of the Bike and Run Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: A. Hopkins, R. Fletcher

ALSO PRESENT: A. Barna, Associate Planner, B. Krause, Associate Planner, N. Talarico, Village Engineer, Kelly O'Brien, Superintendent of Parks & Planning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting.

Motioned by: D. Palmer

Seconded by: B. Krall

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Palmer asked if there were any comments from the public. No one from the public came forward.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

PARK DISTRICT UPDATES

Kelly O'Brien said that they have started construction for the Sunrise Park renovations and asked if there were any questions about the Park District's involvement in the proposed Bike with the Committee event. **B. Krall** asked, how would that information be distributed? **K. O'Brien** we would use social media like Facebook and the website. **B. Krall** regarding the construction at Sunrise Park, at the last meeting, you said that there was going to be a bike trail extension that will connect to the pipeline. I thought that already exists. **K. O'Brien** no, it does not connect. The trails ran parallel and did not connect. The trail from Foster Avenue will now go through Sunrise Park and connect to the bike trail. We have already started the playground area and will be relocating the basketball courts. **D. Palmer** asked, do you still get vandalism at the basketball courts? **K. O'Brien** yes, that is why we are moving it closer to the playground area. We are also adding zip lines as well as a pump track. It is an exciting project.

BIKE PATH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

N. Talarico said that our road projects are underway. We will mill and resurface after July 4 and once we get the final surface down, we will have the bike lane striped on Fairfax Avenue. That will go from Schick Road and stop north of the empty lot on the north east corner. There is a proposed daycare center there and the entrance of the daycare will be on that corner. Our paving crew will start repaving the bike path along Struckman Boulevard from S. Bartlett Road towards Route 59. We are also going to add striping along the Brewster Creek bike path along Brewster Creek Blvd and the crossings at Hardt Circle. There was an incident at that intersection and the police department recommended that we put stop bars there and striping. That will be done hopefully by mid-August. **D. Palmer** asked, have you started to identify projects for next year yet? **N. Talarico** the next road project we have planned will be in 2 years. We have time to figure out where we need repave any of those streets and add a bike lane. That will be part of the planning process over the next year. **B. Krall** asked, will the crosswalk at Route 25 and W. Bartlett Road be moved? This has been on our list for a long time. I know it is not in Bartlett's jurisdiction and it is the county. **N. Talarico** I know that IDOT is planning to resurface Route 25 in the next 3 to 4 years. I can look into that and get back to you at the next meeting.

A. Barna at the last meeting, there was a request to look into the financing of the Streamwood bike and pedestrian bridge over Route 59 north of Irving Park Road. They did respond and said that it was 15 million dollars and 80% of that was grant funded.

D. Palmer said that in the last couple of weeks, I have seen class 3 e-bikes on the bike paths going 30 to 40 miles an hour. There have been no kids yet, but I am sure that is soon to come. I would like staff to make an official notice to the Bartlett Police Department that this is going on and I will do the same. I am sure they are already aware of this. I mostly saw it away from populated areas, but they are still on a bike path operating what is essentially a motorcycle at that speed and I do not know what the answer is for that. Pursuing that in a squad car would be difficult. I was driving 35 miles an hour on Schick Road and there was an e-bike next to me and he was keeping up.



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B. Krall said, there were regulations in local communities that have just become public over the last week. In Schaumburg, I am sure you have seen the publicity around it, they are letting the public know not only via digital newspapers, but other avenues as well. When we get to our campaign that is going to be very important. We can use the Bartlett Park District as another resource. It is important. These little bikes are going 40 miles an hour. I think the Schaumburg outline for the e-bikes regulations would be a good template for us. **D. Palmer** it looks like Schaumburg did pass an ordinance and attached fines to it. That is something we have discussed and we did not go there. I foresee many other towns passing different regulations and at some point, the State of Illinois will have pass regulations specifically for e-bikes.

B. Krause I can go over what Elk Grove Village and Schaumburg passed. Schaumburg added a minimum rider age to their class 1 and class 2 e-bikes. As you recall, class 3 e-bikes are already prohibited for minors under the age of 16. Schaumburg requires riders to wear helmets and use lights at night. We do have those regulations specifically and those are not state laws. There could be an argument made that if someone is driving too fast at night, it is reckless driving, which as we talked about at the last meeting, that is currently prohibited and that can already be enforced. If an officer sees someone riding recklessly or at night without lights on, that would be a form of reckless driving. Schaumburg is also prohibiting e-bikes on sidewalks, but that is already a state law. You cannot ride e-bikes on sidewalks in Illinois. **D. Palmer** asked, does that also apply to bike paths? **B. Krause** no, not for Schaumburg. Elk Grove Village did pass a similar law that had slightly different regulations. Elk Grove Village requires that all riders have a driver's license so that goes farther than just a simple age limit. Any adult has to have a driver's license to operate any class of e-bike. E-bikes are allowed to be driven on streets, just like a regular bike, but e-bikes are prohibited in Elk Grove on streets that have a speed limit over 35 miles an hour to take those bikes off the high-speed routes. As you mentioned, Schaumburg does have a series of fines geared towards enforcement. Part of Elk Grove Village's enforcement, particularly for kids that they find in violation with an e-bike or any other violations on the bike paths, is that those kids would be detained until the parents picked them up. I do not believe that was one of the options that was brought up last time, but that would be one of the methods of enforcement. We will monitor these two specific policies that came out in the last week and in December, we will do another survey to see how successful these were. I do not want to be too hasty in pursuing any of these policies just because other municipalities have done them. We need to see what their results are. I know the Elk Grove Village's policies were controversial as well as Schaumburg's. We want to see what the results of those policies are in terms of the enforceability. In the article forwarded by Barry was the Mayor of Schaumburg saying "enforcement is going to be very difficult" and that is what we have talked about in our last few Bike and Run Committee meetings. I am curious to see what the results are and at the end of the year, we will do a summary and get back to the committee with that.

In regards to the e-bike regulations specifically, we did update the Village website. There is an e-bike safety guide that is a deconstructed version of the poster that we showed to you last time. It has all of the same elements and breaks down the different classes of e-bikes, what is permitted and what is not permitted. The Mayor of Schaumburg did mention that the reason they wanted to enact regulations was because people are modifying e-bikes to go even faster than the 28 mile per hour on class 3 e-bikes. That is already prohibited under State law. That is not anything new that Schaumburg is adding. The only e-bikes that are allowed to be ridden are those class 3 e-bikes and any changes to that makes the bike no longer an acceptable vehicle, which again can be proven with the sticker that is required. We have updated the website to include that alongside the bike map.



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B. Krall it is all about getting the word out on Facebook through the Bartlett Park District, fire department and police department. The more we can get that out it makes people aware that these e-bikes are becoming a problem and to be careful.

B. Krause at the last meeting, we discussed the Bike with the Committee Day event and did get some overly optimistic dates from the administration department about how quickly something like this could be organized. Last time, I said it could take a few months. The administration department spoke with the park district. The park district sets up their schedules a year in advance. If we want to get something scheduled for late spring/early summer of next year, we would need to have that ready by this September. It is very unlikely that we would be able to host an event this year. I think it would be a mistake to try to rush anything. If we want to utilize all of the Park District's resources including mailings and resources that they use to promote their events. The best way to go about organizing an event like this is through admin department and the park district. I would like to give them a list of the things this committee is looking to do for an event like this. We can give that to the admin dept for them to organize the details. In terms of finding a date, they could decide on a date a year from now on a Saturday in June. That can be sent out and put on everyone's calendars and then admin can organize the details for that event. **B. Krall** our next meeting is in September. Would September be too late? **B. Krause** between now and September, we could get a date set up and then in September, we can review the details of what you would like to have at the event. As long as we have the date, we can work out the details at the September meeting. **B. Krall** can we schedule the Bike with the Committee Day for May 26, 2026? **B. Krause** yes, we can do that. Barry sent out an email a few months ago with some good ideas about what could be incorporated. By the September meeting, I would like to have a list to make sure that those things can happen for this event. We will put that on the September 25, 2025 agenda.

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE INSTALLATION

B. Krause all of our wayfinding signs that we had listed in the plan are now all installed. The sign on W. Bartlett Road is the smallest of all of the signs since it is at the location of the future Route 59 underpass and we will be adding signage beneath it for the Route 59 underpass. B. Krause reviewed the locations of all of the sign and presented photos of the installed wayfinding signs.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

B. Krause the administration department created their own posts and the police department, either independently or seeing admin posts, created their own posts often times producing more engagement with more people reacting to their posts. Social media organizing is not our area of expertise, but admin and the police department did great work. The first post announced Bike Month sharing the link from the League of American Bicyclists talking specifically about Bike Week and how to be more active. That got 11 reactions. The police department had a post 2 to 3 days later with a video of an officer going through some of the e-bike regulations to promote Bicycle Safety Month. That post got almost 80 reactions. There was a raffle held between the Bartlett Police Department and Spin Doctors for people to post a picture of themselves riding to be entered into a raffle for a gift card for Spin Doctors. There were 2 winners and those winners were very excited to share those photos and thanked the police department and Spin Doctors for hosting the raffle. The admin department posted about bike safety awareness and e-bikes, and posted a video of public works installing the sign, which was a good way to wrap up May being Bike Month to show all of the great work that the public works team did to install the signs, which got over 100 reactions. Between admin and the police department, we had 7 different posts that went out in the month of May promoting bike safety and the signs on the Village website.



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B. Krall at the last meeting, we discussed that this is a very informative handout. Did anyone look into making this a rack card to have something to carry? **B. Krause** I spoke with the staff member who would be responsible for that and she expressed hesitation about physical media like a rack card. She had mentioned Restaurants Week as an example when getting out physical handouts and described that process getting restaurants involved that participating in restaurant week as “pulling teeth” to get those restaurants to hang up their own posters for Restaurant Week to promote that. She is hesitant to put in the time to get those done for bike safety. **B. Krall** there is a certain clientele that still wants hard copies. We should make that available and if restaurants is one of the avenues that would be great, but there are other local businesses that can have a handout relative to biking to promote that. **B. Krause** I can bring that back up. **J. Goetz** asked, would there be an opportunity with the renovations being done at Sunrise Park to post a sign there with the new connection? **B. Krause** we already have signs on both sides of this path. I would hesitate to make the poster design a sign since those regulations are not necessarily permanent. Even the State laws could change in the future. We could make the sign more generic and post it somewhere in town where we have interchangeable signs to make it more temporary for the poster. **J. Goetz** that is a great point. If the regulations change, we do not want to have to change the sign every time, but I would like to have the poster somewhere at physical location. **B. Krause** okay, I will pass that along.

D. Palmer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by: D. Palmer

Seconded by: J. Goetz

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.