

CITY OF WAUSAU BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Time and Date: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall.

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Andrew Plath, Paul Kage, Tyler Wildman, Kevin Eichelberger, Patrick Peckham

Others Present: Brad Sippel, Cord Buckner, Allen Wesolowski, TJ Niksich, Andrew Lynch

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Welcome and introductions

Peckham called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approve minutes of September 30, 2019 meetings

Motion by Kage/Wildman to approve the September 30 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss recent crashes

Buckner overviewed a recent crash at 3rd Avenue and Stewart Avenue. The crash investigation determined that the bicyclists failed to yield the right of way at the light in this crash.

Discuss parking on Pied Piper Lane

Peckham overviewed the issues that have been brought to him. Peckham explained that multiple airport users and others have contacted him about close calls between drivers and children when vehicles are parked on the west side of Pied Piper Lane south of Lakeview Drive. It has been requested that parking be restricted on the west side of Pied Piper Lane. Wesolowski said they have concerns that restricting parking on Pied Piper will result in people parking on Lakeview, which has more traffic and higher speeds. Wesolowski also noted that this section of Pied Piper Lane is on airport property, and is not City right-of-way. The consensus of the committee was that this issue should be taken up at the airport committee.

Discuss bicycle and pedestrian related provisions of draft zoning code

Sippel overviewed the zoning code update and bicycle and pedestrian related provisions of the draft version of the zoning code. Sippel said that bicycle parking is proposed to be required for new commercial and multifamily projects, and overviewed the language. The committee discussed the requirements and noted that the type of parking does not seem enforceable. Lynch suggested using APBP guidelines for the rack type requirement. The committee discussed this and there was consensus to use APBP guidelines for the requirements. Gisselman asked if there are specification for trail development to avoid future user conflict issues similar to the River Edge Trail. Sippel said there are not standards for trail development as trails would typically be on public property, but could look into it for trails that may serve public use on private property. There are specifications for walkways on private property, and for bicycle and pedestrian access standards.

Update on Wisconsin Bicycle Summit

Sippel, Lynch, and Peckham shared experiences and information from the 2019 Wisconsin Bicycle Summit in early October.

Update on IMBA Trail Labs

Sippel shared takeaways and lessons learned from the IMBA Trail Labs training.

Discuss citywide street and sidewalk areas of concern and future items for consideration

Wesolowski provided an update on street projects. Lynch mentioned there are issues with the TDS contractors leaving sidewalks open and causing a lot of problems for pedestrians. Wildman noted he had to stop and help someone that was struggling to get around one of the problem areas. The committee discussed the problems they have observed with TDS's sidewalk work. Wesolowski discussed the issues with TDS and permitting and enforcement ability. They are working with the plumbing inspector that issues sidewalk permits for utility work in the sidewalk to develop a method to prevent the issues for next year.

Future meeting date

The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet on November 25.

Adjourn

Motion by Eichelberger/Wildman to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.