

Lan-Oak Park District
Bike Path Committee
November 17, 2011

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:52pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members- Flores, Kelly. Also present –Commissioners Long, Gaffney (arrived at 7:05pm), Russ Oberman and Mayor Abbott (both arrived at 7:25pm). Staff Liaison – Wilson.

Kelly and Wilson reviewed the grants that are still outstanding relating to trail development within the community. Two grants remain outstanding: 1) Enhancement Grant that will provide landscaping to the various street/trail intersections on the Pennsy Greenway and signage, and 2) CMAQ grant that will provide the construction of the Pennsy Greenway Spur. In addition to these funds the Park District has available the \$1 million from Congressman Jackson's Office that can be used for cost overruns in the development of trails. When the Park District has finished their projects, they will transfer the balance of these funds to another community within Jackson's district for trail development. Wilson pointed out that there is a balance in grant funds originally received for the engineering of the Pennsy Greenway Spur. Approximately \$50,000 remains and these funds will be used for either the engineering or construction of the Pennsy Greenway Spur. With the exception of these grant funds, the other two grant funds are 80/20 funding – 20% of the expenses being the financial responsibility of the Park District.

Discussion ensued on the identification and priority of projects. Based upon the master plan for trail development in the Village, signage and bike racks would be the selected projects. Directional signage along the Pennsy Greenway will be investigated with the Enhancement Grant providing directions to a destination point within the Village, such as downtown shopping, parks, etc. Wilson discussed the bike racks he would like to see in the downtown area. The rack looks like a bicycle and has a place on the front wheel where a business could put their name.

Wilson provided an update on the meeting that he and Commissioner Gulotta attended on 11-16-2011 with the Monaldi Manor Condo Association and the construction timeline for the Pennsy Greenway Spur. The Monaldi Manor Condo Association will be putting the issue of granting the use of the southernmost portion of the parking lot that is being leased from ComEd to the park district for the Spur to travel through before the residents of the Association. Wilson indicated that the County is still on track to solicit bids for the renovation of Wentworth Avenue in 2012. A discussion ensued on the project and the route of the Spur.

A discussion ensued about the property owned by the Park District at 172nd & Oak Park. Mayor Abbott explained a program that they Village will be doing in the future. The Village will be putting signs on vacant property indicating TIF opportunities for the parcel to encourage development. The Park District owns the property at the mentioned location and really has no plans to develop it since it is in a total business area. The only value of the property – it could provide access to the Pennsy Greenway.

There being no further business Motion by Flores to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call all present voted "aye". No nays.

Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP
Secretary to the Park Board