

Walk! Bike! Brockport
Minutes for June 9, 2011

Present: Ray Duncan, Peter Randazzo, Joan Fenton, Richard Fenton, Harry Shifton, Alicia Fink, Barb Blosenhauer, Joe Blosenhauer, Nancy Washer, Lucille Ribble.

Meeting Called to order: 7:03 pm

Request for Trail Signs: Peter Randazzo

Designed a sign (handout) to be put in parking lots to announce the location of the trail

Estimated cost:

Signs by Rick Vega (6)	\$25 apiece	=	\$150
Posts (6)	\$6 apiece	=	\$36
Concrete to set posts in (10 bags)			\$56
Total			\$242

Sweden Community Foundation has committed \$121 (half the cost)

Once we approve it, production begins.

Requests \$121 from WBB

Ray Duncan moves that we allocation \$121 for the trail signs

Harry Shifton seconds

Vote is unanimous

Ray Duncan: what will the posts be made of?

Peter Randazzo: pressure-treated wood. the park guys may be able to use leftover concrete and posts, so the actual costs may be a little lower.

Alicia Fink: have them send the bill to the Village (she'll warn them)

Treasurer's Report: Alicia Fink

Finances the same as last month

in response to Peter Randazzo's check: it is made out incorrectly; instead have them make it out to the Village of Brockport, with Walk Bike as the Memo

in response to questions about Phoebe (mule sculpture)

she had to be sent away to be repainted

but why so soon?

she needs to be protected over the winter

the Welcome Center has been collecting donations—about \$102 so far

requests we spend \$40 from Arts and Aesthetics

Peter Randazzo moves that we donate \$40 dollars from A&A for mule repainting

Lucille Ribble seconds

We vote unanimously to donate \$40 from A&A to Phoebe's repainting

What is going on with the Village Treasurer? nothing so far

Excursus on the situation with GBDC for the Fenton's benefit

Report on Meeting about Proposed Bike Trail along 531 Improvement: Peter Randazzo

Note: he has two pages of map that show the proposed trail so far

Plan for the road is that 531 will end at Salmon Creek and current route 31 will become a cul-de-sac.

Problem is that State Bike Route 5 is the shoulder of Route 31

All options feature a separate bikepath along 531, options provided for how to get from bike path along 531 to route 31 at both ends

Option 1: Bike trail goes under the expressway at Salmon Creek

Option 2: Bike trail on the south side of 531 would go under the expressway flyovers

Option 3: Two-way bike trail (cheapest)

Comments: Why not just abandon bike route 5 and send people to the canal. Route 31 is already dangerous enough for bicyclists

Inspiration for Future Activities from Richard and Joan Fenton

1. Brockport is overall very walkable, but can be improved

Walk Signs at key intersections

31 overall is treacherous and horrifying in general

partial sidewalk to Owens Road

intersection at Lake Road is particularly bad

2. Talked to his son Mark, the original inspiration for the group

“We can lose all the battles, but still win the war”

no real progress in walkability, but should this be the goal?

we should work more on advocacy

but as a Village committee, we cannot be critical of the Village

Mark will come in the fall for an inspirational fundraising? dinner

3. Possible new model for meeting

Other son, Robbie, lives in Grapevine, TX

they have a similar group, but never actually meet

instead, they recruit people to work on projects

Mark tried this in Massachusetts and it can work

need a list of names and talents for group members

[probably also need projects to work on]

4. Discussion

Ray Duncan: we should get back to work on goat trails, from the school district to

Wegmans and Tim Hortons to the Sweden Community Center, for

example

we constantly fight to get pedestrian warning signs put in the road in the

village—wish it would just happen

Peter Randazzo: contrasts what we do to how Europeans view walking (and

biking) as transportation

should we encourage walking and biking as recreational activities or

transportation—a way of life?

Joan Fenton: that cannot be a group thing, but an individual commitment

Barb Blösenhauer: works as a health educator, tried to set a good example by

walking everywhere, but had no followers [or presumably stalkers]

Nancy Washer: I have the same experience

Barb Blösenhauer: also Jim Goetz

Peter Randazzo: Jim Goetz tries to encourage students to walk to school 1 day a year

Mark Fenton also encouraged this a few years ago

also: what do you remember doing as a kid?

older people: riding bikes, playing in the yard

younger kids: team sports [they have to be driven to]

Richard Fenton: higher gas prices and more destinations will cause people to walk and bike more

Barb Blosenbauer: Pam Ketchum suggested getting families to contribute to maintaining the plantings along the canal [currently a giant weed patch] with the idea that they would want to walk by and see how it's going

Ray Duncan: we will continue to work on allying ourselves with GBDC and think about more ways we can encourage walking

Alicia Fink: we need to publicize ourselves better and plan a grand opening for the trail

Peter Randazzo: grand opening is still in the plans

Eagle Scout got discouraged with the bridge project, so hikers will have to hop the creek

prefers the watchless meetings (aim for an hour more or less)

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm (obviously we were inspired)

Next Meeting: July 14 at 7 pm