



Present: Scott Lewendon, Ann Mullaly, Joe Pasquini, Maureen Cunningham, Henry Peyrebrune, Alan Via, Dan Lewis
Town of Bethlehem Staff: Rob Leslie
School District Staff: None

Comments on June Meeting Summary

No comments.

Announcements

- Caleb Wistar has resigned from the committee because of workload. Rob Leslie will contact the next of the eight recent applicants for the committee membership.
- New members Joe Pasquini and Maureen Cunningham were introduced to the committee members who were absent from the last meeting
- Jason Gallo was not available for his last meeting on the committee. Rob will continue to staff the committee with the assistance of Brian Kise from the Town Highway Department.

Update on October Walk to School Day

- Jason Gallo is spearheading the “Walking School Bus” along with six volunteer parents for “Walk to School” Day on October 3, 2012. He will begin on October 3 and continue as long as he has volunteers to assist him.
- There was a general discussion about assisting Jason with the “Walking School Bus” by organizing the event at other elementary schools in the Town. Jason is reaching out to Cindy Ferrari, head of the Healthy Kids Committee, for assistance. Ann Mullaly agreed to talk to staff at Elsmere Elementary School, and Maureen Cunningham agreed to contact Jill Adams and speak with staff at Hammergrill Elementary School.
- Rob Leslie will reach out to Fred xxx for more assistance and support from the school district.
- There was concern expressed about high motorist speeds on Winne Road and other streets in the vicinity of the schools. Rob Leslie will talk to Bethlehem PD about support on “Walk to School Day.”
- A suggestion was made to publicize the event through Park Playbook and Our Town.

Committee Goals and Future Tasks List

- Rob summarized the procedures for accessing the B&P Committee Discussion Board
- Joe Pasquini had prepared a matrix for the Education tasks based on the discussion from the last meeting. The matrix was posted on the Discussion Board. The intent is to have committee members download the matrix, add tasks in the appropriate columns and place the matrix back on the discussion board with a new file name. Scott Lewendon had placed two tasks on the matrix and Rob presented those as examples of how the matrix will work.
- The committee discussed the goal of the matrix. It was agreed that the purpose of the matrix is not to respond to every comment received from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Community application, but to prepare a realistic work plan for the committee. The Committee determined that completing the matrix would not be beneficial and such an exhaustive exercise is not needed.
- Scott Lewendon suggested that each committee member review the resources identified in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly community to see which programs might fit in the Town of Bethlehem. He explained that communities are not all the same and that the bicycle and pedestrian

education needs of the Town of Bethlehem are different from many of the large cities with many more resources that are used as examples in the Bicycle Friendly Community application.

- It was determined that Committee members would simply post their ideas for future Committee tasks to the Discussion Board. Members felt it was best to work on items that were of immediate attention (such as the Safe Routes to School Application) and that perhaps these items would occur naturally.

Safe Routes To School Application

The discussion switched to the more immediate task at hand- the application for Safe routes to School that is due in October 5, 2012.

- Various streets were suggested as candidates for sidewalks leading to Hamagrael Elementary School and Bethlehem Middle School. Rob has to meet with Engineering to determine the scope of the project. Many of the streets will be difficult to build a sidewalk without making costly changes to the drainage.
- Once a route is identified, the committee can support the Town with the project as placing sidewalks in residential neighborhoods often meets resistance from adjacent residents.
- Scott Lewendon offered to accompany Rob at a meeting with Al Karim to discuss possible non-infrastructure projects that could be funded.
- It was agreed that it was important for the committee to meet in August to if necessary to make decisions about the application for the Safe Routes to School Program. August 28th was tentatively identified as the normal day of the month for a meeting and Rob will email the committee once he determines if a meeting will be necessary.

New Business

Dan Lewis raised the issue about bicycling on sidewalks and changing the ordinance to reflect a certain age limit. Scott Lewendon placed two resource documents that address the issue of sidewalk bicycling on the Discussion Board and suggested that everyone become familiar with the issue. It was agreed that changing the ordinance was a low priority and would be placed on the agenda after the Committee's future tasks have been identified.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjourn

8:00PM