

**Minutes – Draft #1**  
**TCBA Advocacy Committee**  
**October 10, 2018 Meeting**  
**League of Michigan Bicyclists, 410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Attending:** Mike Unsworth, Lenny Provencher, Tim Potter, Diana Tweedy, Dale Freeman, Pat Harrington, Phil Wells, Steve Leiby

**Guests:** Rich Kobe, Dave Goodman

- I. Call to Order--done
- II. Approval of Agenda--done
- III. Urgent Business:
  - A. Presentation by Chris Brookes of MDOT—Mr. Brookes did not show
  - B. Discussion with Rich Kobe:
    1. He explained the details of his July 5 crash (took place around 11:40 a.m.) at the intersection of Kalamazoo and Harrison
    2. His impact with the northeast curb resulted in a concussion & spinal cord bruising. He has made a remarkable recovery
    3. Official actions:
      - a. The East Lansing Police Department became more responsive after the MSU Police & a *Lansing State Journal* article put pressure on them.
      - b. The traffic report ultimately included the involvement of a motor vehicle. The initial inclination of ELPD was to categorize the crash as “falling off a bike.”
      - c. Despite the increased activity by the ELPD, the driver was never found.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Safe Intersection Infrastructure at MSU—this flowed from the discussion with Rich
    1. There needs to be a better connection with the MSU portions of River Trail, especially at this intersection.
    2. Tim said that a new MSU “Intelligent Traffic Management” system that would incorporate “Signal Timing” ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Signal\\_timing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Signal_timing)) might be part of a solution.
    3. Tim said that the MSU Bike Advisory Committee should take it up the safe intersection issue

4. There was discussion of the usefulness of doing special outreach with MSU's international students on Michigan driving regulations
- B. Bike Repair Sessions at City Rescue Mission:
1. We had between three to seven bikes per session at our monthly sessions from April to October. Mechanics ranged from two to five
  2. After the meeting talked with CRM's Randy Barton about doing winter sessions. He said that was not practical since the space we used in April now must be cleaned and scrubbed by 5:15 p.m.
- C. Parking in bike lanes by vehicles (mainly commercial) unloading:
1. Dave spoke with East Lansing's Parking and Code Enforcement doesn't want sidewalks or bike lanes blocked. It prefers that the center lane be used for unloading. This is common for road diets in many jurisdictions.
  2. Quick delivery services (FedEx, UPS, etc.) often use driveways or bike lanes.
  3. *See Click Fix* (<https://seeclickfix.com/>)—the discussion then pivoted to this useful service:
    - a. The City of Lansing had used it and it proved to be quite popular. Recently the City has gone to new software that is not as good as SCF. Dean & Tim will write a letter to Mayor Schorr requesting that the City go back to SCF.
    - b. MSU and East Lansing doesn't participate.
- D. 2018 Survey of Political Candidates—Due to time constraints, we are not conducting one
- E. E-Scooter update:
1. The scooters have an impact on local bicycling since they tend to use bike lanes and parking
  2. Both Bird and Lime announced that they will pull their scooters off the streets during the wintertime.
  3. Bird says not to ride its scooters on sidewalks unless it is allowed by local ordinance (<https://www.bird.co/safety>). Mike couldn't find anything similar for Lime.
  4. We thought that a regional summit would be the best way to address e-scooter concerns. After the meeting Mike contacted Andy Kilpatrick who reported:
    - a. The City of Lansing has shared its agreement with Lime with both East Lansing and MSU.
    - b. The City has started to craft an ordinance to allow the operation of electric scooters and will be making some updates on e-bikes at the same time.

- c. As it moves through the process, the City intends to share it work with surrounding areas, so a common agreement/policy can be crafted.
  - F. Next steps for Advocacy Committee--Mike will step down in January. We will need both a Chair and a secretary. Mike will:
    - 1. Create a list of activities that the committee does so we will be able to see if people want to take over specific tasks
    - 2. Inform the TCBA Board
    - 3. Use the club's social media to canvass for volunteers
  - G. Bike Film Festival
    - 1. We have two choices for this year's film night:  
<http://filmedbybike.org/watch/rescreening-policys/programs-listing/>  
-- We chose to get the Bike Fun package
    - 2. Kevin has put in a request for available dates in late February, early March 2019 at the Urban Beat Event Center (same as last year).
    - 3. His firm will underwrite a portion of the expenses, same as last year.
    - 4. The flyer will be updated with new date when we have them and try to emphasize that food is available for purchase on site.
    - 5. What dates would conflict with other TCBA or advocacy events?  
Nothing that anyone could think of
- V. New Business:
  - A. Funeral processions passing through a bike peloton:
    - 1. We reviewed Section 257.654 of Michigan Compiled Laws (<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-257-654>)
    - 2. Processions must follow the new Safe Passing Distance legislation. Dave will draft a letter to MI Funeral Directors Association reminding them of this fact
- VI. Meetings Updates—Eaton County Traffic Summit (Mike):
  - A. Apparently, MDOT's Lansing Service Center reports on past and forthcoming projects to officials and other interested parties in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. Thanks to Jeanne we got a heads-up on this one.
  - B. There were two bike-related items:
    - 1. Construction of the bike lanes on Old Lansing Road has been delayed to FY 2020. This was due to the bids coming back significantly higher than anticipated.
    - 2. Many median openings on M-99 from Columbia Highway to Bunker Highway are to be removed. There are no through-roads in this area that will be affected. Mike will write a letter to MDOT about access to the English Inn and the Country Acres Adult Home.

VII. Next Meeting—Nov. 14