

Minutes – Final
TCBA Advocacy Committee
Nov. 14, 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, Dale Freeman, Jeanne Wright, Phil Wells, Steve Leiby, Kevin Schumacher, Steve Leiby

Guest: Bill Conklin

- I. Call to Order at 6:36
- II. Approval of Agenda--done
- III. Urgent Business:
 - A. Bill Conklin, Director, Ingham County Road Department:
 1. Bill first outlined the complex structure of road funding in Michigan. The result is that it is difficult for road agencies and construction firms to do rational, long-term planning
 2. The 2015 road funding increase was intended to restore the State's roads to "fair condition." If the 2015 package hadn't passed, then road agencies would have only enough resources for maintenance of the status quo.
 3. Bill explained a preliminary map of 2019 projects that his Department hope to do. One area of concern is that the rebuilding of downtown Okemos (the intersection of Okemos and Hamilton Roads) may not enough room for bike lanes.
 4. When asked about how citizens and groups like TCBA can correct the funding uncertainty, he said that we should urge our legislators to construct a solid, long-term plan of funding.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. 2019 Preliminary Advocacy Budget (See Appendix I):
 1. We reviewed the categories and were satisfied with it.
 2. The \$200 of 2018 Ride of Silence donations went to:
 - a. The bagpiper (\$50)
 - b. Go Green Trikes (\$50)
 - c. Kids Repair (\$100)
 - B. Ingham County Trails Millage For more information on specific applications see pp. 5-50 of <http://pk.ingham.org/Portals/PK/Packets/2018/NOV-13-COMM-CMPLT-PKT.pdf>)

1. Reviewing and funding the applications. The millage produces approximately \$3.5 million per year. As seen in Appendix II, the total amount of 2018 requests is \$8.8 million:
 - a. The Ingham County Parks Committee will rank projects on Dec. 10
 - b. The County Commission will do final voting at various committee meetings during January 2019
2. Mike answered question about projects listed in Appendix II.
3. Wayfinding signs:
 - a. Special meeting of stakeholders on November 1:
 - i. Prior to this meeting, the County Commissioners nixed the consultant's estimate of \$1.4 million to sign the existing trails.
 - ii. There was much discussion about types of signs, durability, etc.
 - iii. As a next step, the County will ask for Request for Proposals on creating a trail sign database.
 - b. Bike Route signs in Ingham County:
 - i. TCBA has a long-term goal of having bicycle-oriented information signs on roads in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties.
 - ii. In the Trails & Parks Comprehensive Report's "New Trail Preferences" (pp. 84-85), there are several marked road routes. They are at the bottom of priorities.
 - iii. In the initial submission of applications for millage grants, Aurelius Township submitted a proposal for marked routes for the township. This proposal was apparently withdrawn.
 - iv. If TCBA wishes to pursue marked bike routes in the County, it must offer money for a local match and work with the County Parks & Recreation Department and the townships.
- C. Next Steps for Advocacy Committee—This topic will be the only item for the January meeting. Mike will continue as Chairman until February 1, 2019.
- D. E-Scooter update—nothing new
- E. Bike Film Nite will be booked for mid- February. We will show both film packages
- V. New Business— none
- VI. Meetings Update—none

- VII. Next Meeting (Dec. 12)--Delta Township Trustee Dennis Fedewa will update us on developments in his Township. We will also have our Holiday Party after we get the business portion done. Everyone is encouraged to bring treats and libations.

**Appendix I
Advocacy Preliminary Budget for 2019**

Item	2019	2018
National Bike Summit	0	1,800
Bike Film Night Expenses	1,000	562
Bike Film Night Income	(250)	(226)
Bike Happy Hour	400	0
Bike Repair Sessions	350	76
Billboard Rentals	500	500
Ride of Silence	200	0
TOTAL	2,200	2,712

**Appendix II
Applicants for 2018 Round of Trail Millage Grants**

Jurisdiction	Project	Amount Requested¹
Aurelius Township	Glenna Drosche Community Park Improvements	\$ 45,118.00
Dansville	Biking/Walking Trail Plan	\$ 13,500.00
Delhi Township	Holt to Mason Trail, Phase 1 (To Be Named Hayhoe Trail)	\$3,543,380.00
East Lansing	Colorado Drive Pedestrian Connector to Northern Tier Trail	\$ 191,684.00
East Lansing	Riveria Drive Pedestrian Connector to Northern Tier Trail	\$ 370,796.00
Friends of the Lansing Regional Trails / City of Lansing	Volunteer Trail Ambassador Coordinator	\$ 15,000.00

¹ Reported in Spicer Group's Viability Analysis, Oct. 22 Ingham County Parks & Recreational Commission pp. 27-39

Ingham County	Hawk Island Park Improvements	\$ 548,500.00
Ingham County	Lake Lansing Park South Improvements	\$1,040,200.00
Lansing (City)	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$1,660,200.00
Lansing (City)	Cambridge Road Connector to Frances Park & the Lansing River Trail	\$ 400,030.00
Lansing Township/ Delta Township	Waverly Road Shared Use Pathway	\$ 344,750.00
Meridian Township	MSU to Lake Lansing Connector, Phase II	\$ 645,000.00
Williamston Township	Red Cedar River Water Trail	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL		\$8,868,158.00