



**Parks and Trails Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2018**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Mr. Stribick called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Char Steelman, Vice Chair	Absent
Frank Korth, Secretary	Absent
George Stribick, Chair	Present
Bill Resch, Member	Present
Abbey Brooks	Present
Chip Fellows	Absent

Others Present: Mr. Stephen Mayer, City of New Albany; Ms. Jackie Russell, City of New Albany,

**Action of minutes:**

No minutes.

**Addition to agenda:**

None from Staff.

**Cases:**

No Cases

**Other business:**

**Harlem Leisure Trail Project.**

Mr. Mayer gave a presentation which discussed timeline, easements which have been obtained and have not been obtained, and the options for trails.

Mr. Resch asked if stormwater is being held on the street.

Mr. Mayer answered that it is in a swale.

Ms. Brooks asked if it could go back and forth between separated trail and curb and sidewalk.

Mr. Mayer said yes, it is possible and discussed how it would work.

Mr. Mayer resumed his presentation indicating that the cost for a separated trail with curb and sidewalk would cost \$175,000 and if a metal guardrail would be needed, in addition to the separated trail, it would cost \$250,000 for a metal guardrail and a \$300,000 wooden guardrail.

Mr. Stribick asked if eminent domain is possible in this situation.

Mr. Mayer said I do not know.

Mr. Resch provided a copy of the “Village of New Albany & New Albany-Plain Local Schools School Travel Plan” pg 9 to review. He discussed the grant that funded the travel plan. It was a joint partnership with the Village and the School District. He stated that currently sixteen children are in danger and don’t have sidewalks to get to the bus stop.

Ms. Brooks asked Mr. Resch that this be placed and moved to be the number one priority on the list for capital improvements.

Mr. Resch said yes.

Mr. Stribick provided a letter directed to city council, administration and development staff asking for the middle Harlem trail to be prioritized to the top of their capital improvement list. The letter was provided to council prior to their capital improvement meeting. He added that the letter is a formal declaration for it to be identified as top priority to council.

Mr. Resch stated this is not a new position.

Mr. Stribick said correct. We passed a resolution in March to proceed. This letter was to be formally submitted to council and planning staff for our position to be publically stated. He said that it appears council did that on Friday by putting it in the top priority goals of council. This letter made it formal and we were successful based on council’s action. I had intended to ask for a second resolution tonight and restate our position on this matter here tonight.

Mr. Resch stated that the residents are upset and they placed signs on the road indicating the need for the trail. He also said that he had discussion with Mr. Hoffman who desires rural ambiance, instead of a trail.

Mr. Stribick asked who has made contact with Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Mayer said it was probably someone from the city maybe Mike Barker, or another member of the engineering staff.

Ms. Brooks asked then what do we need to do tonight? I agree with you guys that the trail is needed.

Mr. Stribick said it sounds like we agree on what is needed here. He asked who talked with Kevin, I think it may be a revenue desire. It may be time we get someone to make a move to negotiate with Mr. Hoffman.

Ms. Brooks asked if it is a possibility to cut the section in the area in front of Mr. Hoffman to have the guardrail treatment.

Mr. Mayer said yes.

Ms. Brooks said the next step to me is to take a photo mock up [to him] and show them what the options would be by showing him the two options either a tree lawn or guardrail and instruct them to pick the one they want.

Mr. Stribick said I think you are right and since they put this as a top priority it sounds like it is near this.

Mr. Mayer said I do not know if they will get into those details tonight, but it is something they might discuss but we need them to direct us to that as our next step.

Mr. Resch would it be appropriate to pass a resolution tonight with the school safety issue to advise you to proceed.

Mr. Stribick in these kind of situations where you have a divided streets. We need to get our neighbors out of this. Bill, do you want to verbal a resolution?

Ms. Brooks asked that the language be gentler than what was made in the letter. Safety is great. I think where it appears inflammatory is in regards to a tragedy is waiting to happen. I think that the three bullet points are good.

Mr. Resch and Mr. Stribick agreed.

Mr. Resch made a motion that the Parks and Trails Advisory Board has major concerns regarding the middle Harlem leisure trail gap between east Dublin Granville Road and Greensward Road is:

- Safety of our children and youth who walk, run, skateboard, bicycle, and scooter on the Leisure Trails and utilize School Bus Transportation to and from public and private schools.
- Safety of resident adults and families who walk, run, and bicycle for recreation or exercise.
- Safety for visitors to our community who practice and participate in Healthy New Albany Walking, Running and Biking events.

Ms. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Resch proposed presenting the draft minutes to council.

Ms. Brooks said maybe we should share these minutes but, given them time with it. I think they know officially and unofficially how we feel about it.

Mr. Mayer asked what our next immediate actions should be.

Ms. Brooks said this is our top priority, and we want it to go as quickly as possible.

Mr. Mayer asked if we would like to have the draft meetings shared with council tonight?

Mr. Stribick would like the resolution and draft minutes to be shared with council tonight.

Ms. Chrysler arrived at 6:15pm

Mr. Stribick and Mr. Resch briefed her on the motions made and discussion had tonight.

Ms. Chrysler mentioned to the board that the board should discuss at some time so that the easement is given at such time as a fee-in-lieu is granted.

Meetings adjourned at 6:19pm.