

**APPROVED MINUTES – PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION**  
**Northbrook Village Hall – Terrace Conference Room**  
**5/10/2023**

**Members Present:** Angus Duthie, Kathy Hofschield, Jim O’Connell, and Tom Tebbe

**Members Absent:** A.C. Buehler, and Frank Bleeker

**Staff Present:** Jim Baxa (NBK), Kris Scharp (NBK Park District)

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**Others Present:** Gayle and Joel Gewirtz, and Michael Pfeifer; Northbrook Residents

**Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission Meeting – Call Meeting to Order**

Tom Tebbe called the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission (PBC) meeting to order at the Terrace Conference Room at 7:24 p.m.

**Review of March 8, 2023 Special Meeting of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Commission Meeting Minutes**

A motion made by member O’Connell and seconded by member Tebbe the March 8, 2023 minutes be approved with minor corrections submitted by commission member Hofschield. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Walters Avenue – Bicycle Accommodations**

Northbrook staff and commission members explained to the attendees on how this project came to the forefront, and provided the history of selecting this project from the Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (MBPP). Staff shared the three original concept designs for the bicycle improvement, the process the village took to notify the residents and business within the area this potential project, and a summary of the public open house.

Northbrook resident Gayle Gewirtz inquired on how much parking is really used along Walters Avenue, and staff informed the group very minimal parking is being used during the weekday, however no parking use information was collected on weekend. A commission member mentioned that maintaining parking was one of the PBC’s main considerations for endorsing one of the alternate designs which included preserving parking on one side of the street.

Staff informed the commission that this project is still considered being in a preliminary design phase, and there is still potential for the proposed alignments to change in the future during Phase I design.

**Northbrook Grand Prix**

Jim O’Connell provided updates on the Northbrook Grand Prix, the Local Organizational Commission (LOC) is continuing to secure additional sponsorship, however they have a significantly more sponsors than last year.

The Northbrook Police and Fire departments will be giving the volunteers a presentation for their expectations from the group during the race. The general consensus from the commission members involved with the race is the planning with the intergovernmental departments involved is much more organized for this year’s event.

### **New/Old Business**

Staff also reminded the PBC there still remains the vacancy as commission Chair, provided information on some of the limited duties involved and if there is any interest for the position, please contact the Village President.

Commission member Hofschield announced the last and final Bike Banter will be held at the Northbrook Library this week, and all volunteers involved did have a fun time with these safety and educational presentations, there was just not as much interest within the community to attend these meetings.

### **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by member O'Connell and seconded by member Duthie to adjourn the meeting of the PBC; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at **8:17 p.m.**