

VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. in the conference room of the Belleville Police Department, 31 E. Main St..

The following committee members were present: Renee Funseth, Linda Kahl, Ben O'Brien (Trustee), Jerry Butts (Public Works), Debbie Bongard, and Jill Wennesheimer (chair). Absent were April Little, Jean Christensen and Roger Hillebrand.

In reviewing the posted agenda, it was noted that no changes were needed.

The May 8, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ben O'Brien moved we accept the minutes as written; motion seconded by Renee Funseth. The motion passed by voice vote. Chairperson, J. Wennesheimer agreed to act as recorder for this meeting.

Old Business:

Members reviewed committee activities since November 2009 using the 2010 summary worksheet that accompanied the compliance report that went to the Board in May. By consensus of the group, it was decided to revise the worksheet to formulate a brief report to the Village Board that outlined the status of compliance needs and recommendations—both Title II compliance and Sec. 504 compliance. Copies of the re-codified /revised ADA ordinance were distributed. The change to a 3-year term for committee members and the omission/realignment of committee member duties in the grievance process was brought to members attention.

April Little's report on the Dane County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The funding contract with Dane Co. has been signed and bids for phase I of the Facility Improvements for the Disabled (FID) project will be solicited in March.

New Business:

Member input of the new ramp to the Old Library building was requested. It was suggested that a small, perhaps removable ramp be purchased for and/or installed on the inside of the new exterior ramp due to the drop-off to the floor. Members were asked to envision a wheelchair-bound person getting to the top of the new ramp to attend a public meeting (perhaps in the dark and with someone assisting) to find the door locked and need to turn around. Possible solutions to the inevitable safety hazards are planting shrubs along each side/border of the ramp and/or painting the edges to the ramp. The best solution(s) will obviously need to be determined after the snow is gone. It was also suggested that the door at the top of the ramp may not accommodate all wheelchairs, therefore the office staff assisting with facility reservations should keep current a list of facility capabilities and capacities.

Jill will pursue Board approval to seek FY 2012 funding for the FID project by again applying to the Dane Co. Community Development Block Grant—probably due the end of May. Phase II of the project was discussed and should probably include upgrades to the Library/Senior Center restrooms, a lowered counter for the Police Station, an interior ramp for the Old Library, and exterior ramps for the Library/Senior Center emergency doors. The Community Park restroom upgrades will be pushed back until 2013 for the time being. In resurfacing the priority list that accompanied the CDBG application for 2011 funding, it was noted that this particular grant does not appear to cover NEW construction of public facilities. More research is needed.

Future committee activities: 1) Renee and Debbie will continue their work on printed materials describing the Dane Co. Disaster Assistance Registry and our local EM contacts and shelter locations for distribution at the EMS open house in May and possibly at the Belleville Medical Clinic and Senior Center. Prototypes should be ready for Emergency Management Committee and Board approval in March. 2) Give a brief report to the Board on Title II and Sec. 504 progress sometime in March. 3) By consensus, it was agreed to set at least 2 'target' meeting dates each year—the second Saturday in March and likewise in September at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Renee Funseth, seconded by Ben O'Brien with adjournment at 9:57 a.m.