

# Bike Fitchburg, Inc. Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 05/22/2023, 7:00-8:30pm, SHINE Technologies, LLC

- 1) Call to order, roll call, welcome, introductions - **Darryl**

**7:18pm**

**Bill, Steve, Tony, Mike, Darryl == a quorum**

- 2) Meeting Host Spotlight & Special Guests

- a) SHINE Technologies

Craig:

SHINE & Phoenix founded by same people

Make Mo 99 medical isotopes for heart screening.

Reactor being constructed near Hwy 51 in Janesville

Phoenix makes neutron generators

SHINE uses them to make the isotopes

Uranium bombarded with neutrons and collect the Mo

Phoenix also does neutron radiography

Verify content of nuclear fuel rods

Working on Leutitium 177

Craig is a systems engineer.

SHINE is a sponsor of Bike The Burg. Also sponsored a ride through the community.

- b) Linda Brewer, chair of Fitchburg Tree Advisory Committee

Linda: in Fitchburg for 20 years. Worked w/an arborist...got hooked up with the Tree Advisory Committee.

Community committee on FHR upgrades. Organized ppl had a voice. No one spoke for the trees.

Road widening conflicts with tree preservation. One reason for the widening is bike lanes.

Steve: Plesko development next to the hub on Traceway. We wanted 10' wide path for bike/ped. Answer: no, only 8' or there won't be room for trees. False dichotomy.

Linda: Tree Ordinance has been through RCC, Parks, etc and will come before the council on Jun 13, voted on in Jul. Hope that when the ordinance is in place city administration will create policy that everyone will follow.

- 3) Approval of past minutes: Apr 24, 2023

Steve -> Tony -> No discussion. Unanimous

- 4) Treasurer's report – **Steve**

Our checking account contains \$17,750.99. Balanced against that are liabilities to four sub-accounts: the JUST Bikes small grants funds of \$1500, the Kyle Stiegert memorial fund of \$13,335.38, iPick Me Up! registrations of \$15, and AARP Small Dollar, Big Impact grant funds of \$882.66.

Inventory is back to zero with Erik's \$810 purchase of Bike Docks for Serenity Club, but will soon be \$400 as we buy 25 Doo Rags for resale. Other transactions since our last meeting were annual memberships in the Bike League (\$75) and Fitchburg Chamber (\$165). Our annual Bike Fed membership will be due soon.

Our savings account received another \$0.04 in interest and now totals \$1802.17. Our net worth decreased to \$3655.12. Please volunteer at Brat Fest and designate Bike Fitchburg as your charity.

Note: need at least 20 hours worked before you get the \$10/hr payment. We're at 11 hours so far.

- 5) Progress on 2023 goals

- a) Volunteer Recruitment - **Carol?**  
Carol moved to Lodi  
What about Jim Paghoy(sp?)
- b) Update & Re-ratify the Bike/Ped Plan  
No Report. It's in the budget for 2024.
- c) Greenway System - **Steve**  
No Report
- d) BCycle Expansion - **Mark**  
Ribbon cutting took place May 10 4pm
- e) Better-Connected Trail System - **Steve**  
No Report. People for Bikes "Places For Bikes" ratings coming out soon. Better network analysis than the LAB's Bike Friendly Community ratings.
- f) Bike Rodeos / Education & Outreach - **Mike, Mark, Others?**  
Cancelled most recent Senior Center class due to low attendance (only 2 people signed up).  
June 26, Allied Park  
- Volunteers show up at 430pm  
- Event is 5pm to 8pm  
July 18, Leopold Park  
- Volunteers show up at 430pm  
- Event is 5pm to 8pm  
Aug 16, McKee Farms Park  
- Time is TBD  
CeCe Staege Fitchburg Rec Bike Camp Jun 15 Noon Tower Hill Park: Steve will be present to help inspect bikes and helmets.  
Mike getting bike swag: Planet Bike floor pumps, plus significant discount on blinky lights.  
AmFam will give Mike \$750 in matching funds per his reported volunteer hours.  
May get water bottles from Wheel & Sprocket  
Steve: Bike Lane Uprising encourages people to report bike lane violations. Take a photo and report to BLU and the city. They also are giving grants for bike lights. Steve submitted an application and is "in the running".
- g) Police Bike Patrol - **Tony**  
No Report

6) Other Perpetual Topics

- a) Fitchburg Bicycle Committee – **Mark**  
>> **Bill to copy Mark's comments**
- b) Policy and/or Public Works update – **Steve**  
**South Syene & Lacy closed.**  
**Lacy west of Seminole is now closed.**  
**When school closes (Jun 10ish), Lacy & Seminole intersection will close. Reopen before school opens in the fall.**  
**Steve is now chair of the City's Transportation & Transit Commission and will push for policies (vision zero, truck routes, etc) rather than react to requests.**
- c) Social media update - **Steve**

Date	05/22	04/24	03/27	02/26	01/27
Facebook Forum members	578	573	570	564	562
Facebook page likes	604	597	583	569	562

Facebook page followers	668	655	634	616	618
E-mail addresses to add	8	8	0	200	200
E-mail list addresses	246	252	256	89	71
Instagram	260	255	250	244	240

7) Old business

a) **Pick Me Up - Mike/Thad**

Sep 22, 2023 (4th Friday)

**Kay:** update on survey questions for Bike Fitchburg mailing list to gauge interest in types of events

**Kay has a 3 question survey that she wants to send out. Steve to enter the 8 new email addresses, so she can send to the large group.**

**>> Paste in questions from Kay's email**

b) Gold Status Update - **Mark/Steve**

**Still haven't heard, but we're supposed to be notified a week before the public announcement in May (which only has 1 week remaining).**

**Phil Grupe & Chad Brecklin to complete portions of the Bicycle Friendly Business application for the Civic Campus**

c) Helping CORP fix up loaner pump track - **Tony**

**Must determine equity focus to apply for the Just Bikes grant.**

d) Update on BF Themed Doo Rags - **Kay/Tony**

**Discussed earlier**

e) Bike Pseudo-Holidays - **Steve**

**This Fri May 26: Brat ride (organized by Pam Sprecher)**

**This Wed May 24: Mobile Bike Repair at Luna's**

**Thu Jun 8 "Is an e-bike right for me?" at McKee Farms Park 6pm**

i) **Bike Month** (May)

ii) **Bike To Work Day** (Fri May 19)

iii) **WI Bike Week** is 1st *full* week of June (3rd-10th). Commuter station Tue Jun 6. Wed 10am Sr Center 2nd Ride for Joe

f) Bike Fitchburg Board Member Shortage

**Steve will send message to BF email list**

g) City Hall display case - **Steve/Kay**

**Done. Pix on social media**

h) Kyle Stiegert Memorial - **Steve**

**Dawn Stiegert & Steve presented plan to the Parks commission last month. Voted unanimously on the concept plan.**

**Katie McDonald (engineer on the Parks commission) has an architect partner and company Parkitecture, and surveyed the park with Steve on May 9. Will merge her files together with auto-cad drawings done earlier. Katie will help with erosion control plan. Temporary signage will go up explaining what's going on there.**

i) Ian from Bicycle Benefits is looking for an ambassador. Email Steve if interested

**Seven sites including FFP, W&S, etc. Need to get bicycle benefits bingo cards and**

## ensure stickers

- 8) New business
  - a) On Tue, May 9 2023, the [Fitchburg City Council approved](#) funding for Pale Blue Dot LLC to create a Sustainability Plan
- 9) Adjournment

## Upcoming Meeting Information

- June 26 [Adesys](#) if weather allows, otherwise [Allied Family Center](#)
- July 24 [Allied Family Center](#) or [Adesys](#)