

Age-Friendly Shepherdstown Advisory Board  
M I N U T E S – (draft)

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Attending: Marty Amerikaner, Marcy Bartlett, Susan Kern, Steve Pearson, Jonathan Moss, Linda Spatig

Linda re-introduced new volunteer, Jonathan Moss of the Panhandle Peddlers Cycling Club.

We approved minutes of our September meeting.

#### Old Business

##### 1. Bike Path Working Group.

- a. Signage: Linda reported that she had been in communication with Lois Turco from the Canal Towns group. Following a suggestion from Jim Ford, Linda proposed that the Jefferson County Wayfinding project and Canal Towns consider working together to design and fund new signage on the Shepherdstown side of the bridge over the Potomac. After consultation with Canal Towns, Lois reported that they preferred to do their own signage, sticking with the same design/style as all their other Canal Towns signs. They did offer, however, to include info about our Age-Friendly bike path on their new sign which is still in process. We decided it was a good idea to accept that offer.
- b. Extension of High St.: Marty reported that he and Stacey Kendig had met with Shepherd University Building and Grounds administrators who explained that their property did not include the portion of the area that would be used for a path connecting High St. with the existing bike path on Rt. 45. After discussing several possibilities for completing that part of the bike route, it was agreed that Marty would discuss the situation with Andy Beall before we decided how to proceed.
- c. Next steps: Linda offered to put together our bike route proposal to take to Town Council for either the November or December Town Council meeting. Before submitting it to council members, she will send to Age-Friendly Advisory Board members for review and editing.

##### 2. Fall Prevention Working Group

- a. Response to first report. Marcy said her report related to hazards at local parks and railroad crossings was consistent with the ADA-related report submitted by Dr. Ron Eck . She has discussed the reports with two town committees - Public Works and Parks & Rec.

- b. Next steps: Marcy and the Fall-Prevention group will work in conjunction with the town's responses to Dr. Eck's report. The plan for the town's response is still being developed. Marty offered to share with Marcy what is currently being considered.
3. Next Meeting: Our next meeting was set for Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023 at 12:30 via zoom.
4. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm