

MINUTES OF
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 7, 2016

6:00 P.M.

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The Sunset Hills Public Works Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Public Works Conference Room located at 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Chairman Musich brought the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

Roll Call.

Present: Rich Gau, Tom Musich, Kurt Krueger.

Absent: Pat Fribis

Alderman Ernst
Frank Hardy – 421 Rayburn
Casey Wong – 10296 E. Watson
Steve Hauser – 10728 Forest Path
Mr. & Mrs. Yanker – 10800 Forest Path
Donald Parker – 10760 Forest Path
Several other unidentified residents of Forest Path Drive

1. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2016

Motion: Approval of Minutes

Action: Approve,

Moved by Kurt Krueger,

Seconded by Rich Gau.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

Chairman Musich deferred immediately to those in attendance representing the next agenda item.

3. Forest Path – Sanitary Sewer Issue – Alderman Ernst

Chairman Musich recognized Alderman Ernst and several residents from Forest Path regarding sewer back-ups into basements. Chairman Musich asked for a spokesman for the group. Steve Hauser of 10728 Forest Path spoke of four major events that have overcharged the main lines

according to MSD. He said the residents are organizing and expect to get results now. Mr. Hauser said we are looking for a coordinated effort with the City of Sunset Hills.

Chairman Musich asked Mr. Baker to cover the City's response in this matter. Mr. Baker said the City has been in contact with MSD on this issue. He said that after three calls, MSD will respond to the matter. Mr. Baker asked if members of the Yanker family were present. There was a response and they identified their address at 10800 Forest Path. Mr. Baker said that MSD claims there is a pump stage problem versus an overcharge issue. Mr. Hauser responded that he has documentation on the history of the problem and he asserted that it will show MSD indicated it was an overcharged main issue.

Mr. Baker summarized that the City does not have technically have jurisdiction in the matter, but can assist with coordination of contact for residents who require help in communicating with MSD.

There were several anecdotal examples of the issues here from unidentified residents on Forest Path.

Chairman Musich asked Mr. Hauser if he could help summarize the issues that have been incurred for proper presentation to MSD by the City. Mr. Hauser pointed out that another problem is the storm water discharge off of Mentz Hill Rd. He asked the City to look into improvements in this area first. Chairman Musich asked Mr. Baker if he could look into such an improvement with MSD. Mr. Baker responded that he is working with two MSD engineers and would like to exhaust that effort in getting that answer before moving onto another issue.

Mr. Hauser stated that 2 homes have back-flow preventers and felt that this was needed on the other affected homes first. Mr. Baker pointed out that has to be agreed to by the individual homeowners. Mr. Hauser summarized that he agreed with Mr. Baker's tact at this point.

Alderman Ernst asked if the holding tank could be reviewed for design capacitance as well as the sanitary sewer design of the area. She also expressed that she's heard of design flaws in the subdivision and asked if they MSD was the responsible jurisdiction. Mr. Hauser responded that the likelihood of that tact would be remote at best and reiterated he supported Mr. Baker's tact on the matter. Chairman Musich summarized his agreement with this methodology.

Mr. Baker asked if Mr. Hauser would agree to be his contact on the matter. Mr. Hauser agreed and shared contact information with Mr. Baker.

Donald Parker of 10760 Forest Path asked how much the City could get involved with quick remediation efforts. Mr. Baker said we could look at the area. Mr. Parker expressed his lack of confidence in resolving such matters with MSD and felt the City could be quite effective in some small mitigation of siltation of existing facilities.

Mr. Hauser, Mr. Parker, and Alderman Ernst expressed concern over MSD response they've received on this matter so far.

Alderman Krueger asked Mr. Baker if the sanitary and storm sewers are indeed separate systems. Mr. Baker said that they are separate systems. He explained that he understood the matter to be infiltration of storm water into a sanitary system that needs maintenance. Mr. Parker explained that part of an insufficient design was likely caused by other development in the area like Alswell Pointe.

Chairman Musich again asked if Mr. Baker could follow up on this matter. Mr. Baker responded affirmatively. Chairman Musich reiterated that communication would happen in this scenario between Mr. Baker and Mr. Hauser. The Forest Path residents in attendance left the meeting at this time.

4. City Hall – Automatic Locks/Other Lobby Enhancements

Mr. Baker reported that he spoke to Alderman Krueger on the details of this matter. Alderman Krueger said he toured several other municipal city halls. He added that in the case of Kirkwood, not much in the way of facility changes have occurred, but they are manning their facility with police officers.

Mr. Baker said that in several cases, there are no considerations for security. He said he envisions something in between nothing and a heavily secured area. Mr. Baker stated that a large transaction area with secure windows is the concept.

Mr. Baker said he needs to solve the lone receptionist in the Public Works office who is by herself from 4-5pm each day and would be happy to make things consistent for both sides of City Hall if that is desired by all involved.

The Committee discussed several options and reasons for the discussion of City Hall security. It was determined that Mr. Baker and Alderman Krueger would continue to develop the methodology on how to approach this matter and then bring this back to the Committee for consideration.

5. Lindbergh Sidewalk Project – Contract - \$59,200.00

Mr. Baker reported that with the Oates approval from last meeting, a contract was developed and is ready for approval by the Committee for the amount toward design.

Motion: Recommendation of Board approval of the Lindbergh Sidewalk Design Project with Oates & Associates for \$59,200.00,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Rich Gau,

Seconded by Kurt Krueger.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Hadley Hill road Improvements – Scope & Contract – Not to exceed \$30,000.00

Mr. Baker updated the committee on negotiations with HR Green. He stated they are a little concerned about the definition of the scope. Mr. Baker said they would like to put together a concept plan after some geotechnical study, and re-approach the residents in the area with that plan. The Committee discussed what the residents desired in the first public input meeting and how that would interface with the development of a concept design for \$30,000. Chairman Musich described his interpretation of this approach as being a diagnostic of a proper course of action on this matter. Mr. Baker defined this with the desire to relocate the road to within rights of way, improvement of utility placement in the area, with a much needed and desired improvement by everyone of the storm water capability of the street.

Motion: Recommendation of Board approval of the Design Contract for Hadley Hill Road Improvements with HR Green in the amount of not to exceed \$30,000.00,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Kurt Krueger,

Seconded by Rich Gau.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Concrete Slab Replacement Project - \$223,850.00

Mr. Baker reported that this project was bid out. He said that bids are 5-10% higher than last year. Alderman Gau asked about attempting to try to work with a contractor under a longer term than each year. Alderman Krueger expressed concern over the amount of construction in the area and the addition of this project.

Motion: Recommendation of Board approval of M&H Concrete for the Selected Concrete Slab Replacement Project in the amount of \$223,850.00,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Rich Gau,

Seconded by Kurt Krueger.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Stop Sign Request – Hilltop and Leebur – Alderman Krueger

Alderman Krueger asked if we could gather information to answer this question from the residents. Mr. Baker responded that Wes Searcy will perform a traffic count to define what is required for the Committee.

Alderman Krueger expressed concern he's heard with regard to the relocation of some "Dead End" signs in this area.

9. Flood Information – Update

Mr. Baker updated the committee on the status of flood follow-up. He said we are still at about \$35,000 of City expenditures. He said the he and Gerald Brown will be meeting Monday with FEMA with regard to the Public Assistance in support of some documentation required for that to move forward.

Mr. Baker indicated that a Notice of Interest (NOI) was filed for the one property that incurred the Severe and Repetitive Loss. He added that the NOI has also been filed for the HMGP for the seven other properties. No response on that is expected until this fall for the City to respond to in kind. Alderman Gau asked about a house that was sold. Mr. Baker responded that he found about this when contacting this resident to check their participation in the NOI for the HMGP and they refused to participate, stating the home was under contract for sale.

10. Project Updates:

- West Watson – Mr. Baker said that MODOT is reviewing the property acquisition files and we should soon get approval on those. He reported that MODOT has the final plans back

from Horner & Shifrin with requested revisions and we expect to get approval to bid the project within the next 30 days.

- Eddie and Park Sidewalk – Mr. Baker sought approval of the Eddie & Park Sidewalk Project for the low bid submitted by Spencer Contracting in the amount of \$123,646.23,

Motion: Recommendation of Board approval of Spencer Contracting in the amount of \$123,646.23,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Kurt Krueger,

Seconded by Rich Gau.

Motion passed unanimously.

- East Watson Sidewalk – Mr. Baker stated that we had the Public Input Meeting on March 17, 2016. He said that comments from residents were discussed with the designer. Mr. Baker added that we are looking at the feasibility of narrowing the sidewalk from 6' to 5' and adding a 2' grass strip. He commented that this should work in most locations other than 8803 Woodfox due to some tree conflicts. Mr. Baker said the other main issue was the Econo-Lodge property and the possible loss of the existing trees. He said that he and the designer feel that the curb could be widened, narrowing the width of the street in an effort to save those trees per concerns expressed by the residents toward the project. Mr. Wong was complimentary of the way the Public Works Department worked with the residents on this project at the Public Input Meeting.
- Lindbergh Sidewalks – Mr. Baker stated this matter was covered earlier in the meeting.

11. Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

There were no other matters for discussion.

Motion: To Adjourn,

Action: Adjourn,

Moved by Rich Gau,

Seconded by Kurt Krueger.

Motion passed unanimously at 7:28pm.

Respectfully,



Bryson Baker, PE
City Engineer / Director of Public Works