

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT GREENFIELD CITY HALL, COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 100, ON TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**1. Ald. Lubotsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting called to order**

Roll Call:           Ald. Pam Akers                           Present  
                          Ald. Bruce Bailey                       Present  
                          Mr. Richard Kasza                       Present  
                          Ald. Linda Lubotsky                     Present  
                          Mr. Richard Mrochinski                Present  
                          Atty Brian Sajdak                       Excused

Also Present:    Mr. Jeff Katz, Director of Neighborhood Services  
                          Mr. John Laskoski, Superintendent of Public Works

**2. Approval of the March 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Approval of the  
03/27/18 Meeting  
Minutes**

**It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky to approve the March 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously**

**3. Citizen Commentary**

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**NONE**

**4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for Board of Public Works.**

**Election of  
Chairperson and Vice  
Chairperson**

Ald. Bailey nominated Ald. Lubotsky as Chairperson. There being no other nominations, Ald. Lubotsky was elected Chairperson by unanimous vote.

Ald. Lubotsky nominated Ald. Bailey as Vice-Chairperson. There being no other nominations, Ald. Bailey was elected Vice-Chairperson by unanimous vote.

*At this time Item #8 was discussed*

**5. Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance to revise Section 8.14 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices.**

**Adopt Ordinance to  
Revise Section 8.14  
For Traffic Control  
Devices  
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that Section 8.14 is out of date and needs to be updated to the modern standards. Signage and road markings must meet Federal and Wisconsin Standards and the Board of Public Works or DNS may approve sign requests. A fee shall be assessed for the cost of materials, equipment and labor for non-standard traffic signs. These changes will only apply to city streets; not county or state roads.

Ald. Lubotsky and Ald. Bailey asked who the fees are assessed to and if they can be waived. Mr. Katz said that it would be per request and depending on what the item is whether it affects an entire neighborhood or just one or two individuals.

**It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Akers to adopt an ordinance to revise Section 8.14 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. **Discussion and decision to approve an agreement with Lisa Hare, 4421 South 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Tax Key No. 601-9875-004, to permit a fence to be installed in a city storm drainage easement.**

**Agreement for Fence in Drainage Easement at 4421 South 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that this resident requested putting a fence in an area of her yard that has a drainage easement. City staff determined that a fence in this area would not cause a problem. The agreement allows us to remove the fence should the city need to work in this easement.

**It was moved by Ald. Akers, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the agreement with Lisa Hare, 4421 South 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Tax Key No. 601-9875-004, to permit a fence to be installed in the city storm drainage easement. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **Discussion and decision to post a children playing sign on South 93rd Street, south of West Plainfield Avenue.**

**Children Playing Sign on South 93<sup>rd</sup> Street at West Plainfield Avenue  
NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Katz referred everyone to a handout provided by the requestor of the sign. Ald. Akers would prefer to speak with the resident at the meeting.

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*At this time Item #8a was discussed*

8. **Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding a parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities at 3577 South 32nd Street.**

**Amend Disabled Parking Zone at 3577 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz noted that there already is a parking zone restriction for 3577 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. It is currently limited to 9am – 5pm which has not been adequate for the home owner. Staff is requesting that this be changed to a permanent parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities.

**It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Bailey to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding a parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities at 3577 South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

*At this time Item #5 was discussed*

- 8a. **Discussion and decision to install a speed bump on South 69<sup>th</sup> Street between West Edgerton Avenue and West Layton Avenue.**

**Install Speed Bump on S 69<sup>th</sup> Street between W Edgerton and W Layton Avenues  
NEXT MEETING**

Ald. Bailey stated that he was approached by a resident on South 69<sup>th</sup> Street requesting a speed bump due to the speeding vehicles traveling southbound towards West Edgerton Avenue.

Matthew Shea of 6835 W Holmes Avenue stated that he has lived at this location for approximately 10 years. He has contacted the police department many times for vehicles running through the stop signs and speeding up and down the road at South 69<sup>th</sup> Street and West Holmes Avenue.

Mike Adamczak of 4956 S 69<sup>th</sup> Street is in agreement with Mr. Shea that something does need to be done. He feels that a speed bump is a good idea. Approximately 10 years ago there was a fatal accident at this intersection and it was speed related. Mr. Adamczak stated that a few years ago he had a security camera installed on his house and intentionally directs one of the cameras at the

intersection to have a visual of any future accidents. He is a police officer with a neighboring city and often brings his squad home during the lunch hour which does not deter the speeding.

Tom Anick of 6836 W Edgerton Avenue stated that he has lived there for 47 years and has seen too many vehicles coming down the street way too fast. He has tried motioning to drivers and put up Children Playing signs. Something has to be done on both sides of that stop sign to slow them down a little bit. They are too fast, especially the people coming down the hill from the apartments.

Ray Luczak of 5070 S 69<sup>th</sup> Street stated that a speed bump is needed between West Holmes and West Edgerton Avenue because vehicles speed up South 69<sup>th</sup> Street coming up from West Edgerton Avenue and do not stop at the stop sign. The speed bump should go across the entire road so vehicles cannot drive around it. Mr. Luczak stated that the plow trucks and garbage trucks also drive through at over 25 mph. It's not just residents, it's everybody.

Clyde Taylor of 6918 W Edgerton Avenue stated most of the traffic is coming down the hill from the apartments. There is also the backed up traffic coming out of Southridge with the theater, where traffic backs up at South 68<sup>th</sup> Street and West Edgerton Avenue. People that are eastbound on West Edgerton Avenue will cut up South 69<sup>th</sup> Street and fly through the neighborhood to avoid that stop sign.

Mr. Flemming of 5001 S 69<sup>th</sup> Street agrees that speeding is an issue on many streets, but speed bumps are not the right solution. The speed bumps are loud and they will delay emergency vehicles. Studies show that adding speed bumps will reduce property values. A better approach would be to limit the traffic coming from West Southridge Drive to a left turn only so they cannot come down South 69<sup>th</sup> Street. That would alleviate some of the vehicles flying down the street. Another option could be to make the entire street a one way only going northbound. Lastly, the snow plows hitting the speed bump with the blades will do damage and ensure more road repairs.

Ald. Akers stated that speed bumps would be an issue as people in other areas have asked for them to be removed after hearing the noise they make. With the increased traffic from the movie theater and the apartments would the city consider putting in a stop light instead of the four way stop at South 68<sup>th</sup> Street and West Edgerton Avenue? Mr. Katz stated that Engineering would look into a traffic light once the apartments are occupied.

Mr. Katz felt that some of the ideas were noteworthy however, for every solution there are going to be pros and cons. Everyone's concerns for vehicles rolling through the stop sign are probably a more serious issue than the speed but let's look at those two things separately. We can ask the police department to patrol more, though they have limited resources. Flashing stop signs have been tried at other locations and people still continue to roll through the stop signs. Putting up speed bumps will not prevent people from rolling through the stop signs as they are already slowing down to roll through. Putting speed bumps in mid-block or installing multiple speed bumps will be costly and hinder emergency response and snow plowing.

There are three speed tables, which are basically more sophisticated versions of a speed bump, located at area schools. Each one costs between \$20k and \$30k to install. Vehicles need to slow down to about 25 mph to go over the speed table but as soon as you move past, cars speed right up again.

Noise was also discussed tonight. Speed bumps are noisy. Vehicles make a thump sound every time they go over the bump. You will be hearing that all night long.

John Laskoski noted that the speed bumps are tough from a maintenance point of view, but understands the plight of the residents. A stop sign was considered for southbound traffic at South 69<sup>th</sup> Street and West Carpenter Avenue but that would not slow down the northbound traffic.

Ald. Bailey stated he will contact the police department to do a speed assessment and a traffic count. The assessment will show how many cars are speeding and what the average speed is as well as counting the cars. Engineering will look at options and pricing for different ideas.

Ald. Lubotsky added that people not stopping at stop signs is a common problem throughout our entire city. She gets phone calls two or three times a month. This is city wide not just this neighborhood.

**NEXT MEETING**

**9. Discussion and decision for an agreement with O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. for professional services.**

**Agreement with  
O'Brien & Gere  
Engineers for  
Professional Services  
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that the city has a need to contract with O'Brien & Gere Engineers to prepare a site investigation report and closure request for West Edgerton Avenue. Soil had to be removed as a part of the Edgerton Avenue project and there is DNR paperwork this firm will do. We have funds in the Edgerton Avenue project for this.

**It was moved by Ald. Akers, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky to approve an agreement with O'Brien & Gere Engineers for professional services. Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Director of Neighborhood Services Report**

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Services Report**

Mr. Katz informed the Board that the new concession building at Konkell Park is almost complete. It is currently too wet out to finish the landscaping. After Jansen Fest the paving will be done. Public Works has done quite a bit of work to help reduce the cost of the project.

**11. Superintendent of Public Works Report**

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Mr. Laskoski stated that Public Works has been busy doing seasonal transitions as well as other city related maintenance. The boulevards and median maintenance and right-of-way maintenance has gone full scale. Two of the summer help employees have started and we expect two more in the next week.

Sanitary sewer televising that is required by MMSD is currently being done as well as sewer cleaning. Public Works will be upgrading equipment to launch an electronic log keeping process that can be uploaded almost immediately to DNS. We hope to launch the street light maintenance portion within the next few months.

At South 84<sup>th</sup> Street and West Layton Avenue the street lights will be transitioning over to a more decorative lighting similar to what was done along the city center area. Lighting for the Konkell Park path should be installed within the next two weeks.

Public Works staff will be going through in-house training with Densco Electric so they can respond better to maintenance issues throughout the city.

Forestry has removed over 120 trees, mostly Ash, and did all the restoration around those trees that were stump ground. Structural pruning still continues as well as site line pruning around stop signs and regulatory signs. Leaf grinding is completed and compost and wood mulch deliveries have begun.

## 12. Engineering Report

## Engineering Report

Mr. Katz stated that most of the road projects have started. The 53<sup>rd</sup> and Midland neighborhood construction project is ahead of schedule even with the bad weather. Paving and landscaping should be done within the next two weeks.

A concrete panel replacement project on West Grange Avenue has begun between South 27<sup>th</sup> Street and South 41<sup>st</sup> Street. There is also some concrete panel replacement on West Edgerton Avenue. Here at City Hall the retaining wall on the south side of the building is being replaced.

Bids were opened to convert the HAWK pedestrian signal at South 51<sup>st</sup> Street and West Layton Avenue to a full signal with the work starting soon.

A resurfacing project is occurring on South 74<sup>th</sup> Street between West Layton Avenue and West Edgerton Avenue. This project is divided up into stages so that the retail businesses are still accessible.

The City of Milwaukee is continuing with the South 60<sup>th</sup> Street project from West Forest Home Avenue to West Cold Spring Road. There have been a few issues that needed to be resolved. Engineering staff have been going to the weekly construction meeting to look out for the best interest of our residents.

## 13. Other topics for future agendas

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NONE

## 14. Adjournment

## Meeting Adjournment

**It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Bailey to adjourn the Board of Public Works meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Young  
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Department of Neighborhood Services

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