

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT GREENFIELD CITY HALL, COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 100, ON TUESDAY, JULY 24, 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
 Mr. Bryan Haas, Project Engineer

2. Approval of the June 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Approval of the
06/26/18 Meeting
Minutes**

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

3. Citizen Commentary

Citizen Commentary

NONE

At this time Item #7 was discussed

4. Discussion and decision to sign an agreement allowing a fence in a permanent sanitary sewer easement in side/rear yard of John H. & Barbara A. Thiemann, 7728 West Plainfield Avenue, Tax Key # 570-1020-001.

**Approve Agreement
for a Fence in a
Sanitary Easement at
7728 W Plainfield Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that we received a request to place a fence in permanent city utility easement. These are fairly common and we typically grant them. Prior to permitting the installation of the fence, we require the applicant to enter into an agreement of terms and conditions.

It was moved by Ald. Akers, seconded by Ald. Bailey to sign an agreement allowing a fence in a permanent sanitary sewer easement in side/rear yard of John H. & Barbara A. Thiemann, 7728 West Plainfield Avenue, Tax Key # 570-1020-001. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and decision to approve an agreement with The Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, 3980 West Kimberly Avenue, Tax Key No. 692-1237-000, to permit a fence to be installed in city storm drainage easements.

**Approve Agreement
for a Fence in a Storm
Drainage Easement at
3980 W Kimberly Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that this item is also requesting a fence in a city storm drainage easement. This would also require the signing of an agreement with the city.

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Akers to approve an agreement with The Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, 3980 West Kimberly Avenue, Tax Key No. 692-1237-000, to permit a fence to be installed in city storm drainage easements. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by rescinding Ordinance Number 2732. A parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities will be removed in front of 3543 South 43rd Street.**

**Adopt Ordinance
Rescinding Ordinance
No. 2732.
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz noted that there is a new owner at 3543 South 43rd Street and the handicap parking zone is no longer needed.

It was moved by Ald. Akers, seconded by Mr. Kasza to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by rescinding Ordinance Number 2732. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Item #8 was discussed

7. **Discussion and decision to upgrade the traffic signal at the intersection of South 60th Street and West Woodview Court to be an accessible pedestrian crossing.**

**Upgrade Traffic Signal
at S 60th St and W
Woodview Crt
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz noted that Elizabeth Cleek of 6159 West Woodview Court has requested an accessible pedestrian signal at the intersection of South 60th Street and West Woodview Court. This is the same traffic signal at the entrance to Greenfield High School. Ms. Cleek is legally blind and cannot safely cross South 60th Street except at West Layton Avenue which limits her ability to use public transit and the facilities at Greenfield High School.

The current signal could be upgraded to audible signals for a cost of approximately \$3,000. With there being a bus stop at this location, the new signal would potentially assist other pedestrians and students of the high school as well.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Akers to approve the upgrade of the traffic signal at the intersection of South 60th Street and West Woodview Court to be an accessible pedestrian crossing. Motion carried unanimously

At this time Item #4 was discussed

8. **Discussion and decision to purchase and install temporary speed bumps on South 69th Street, north and south of the intersection with West Holmes Avenue**

**Purchase and Install
Speed Bumps at S 69th
St and W Holmes Ave
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz reported that the residents in the neighborhood of South 69th Street and West Holmes Avenue came to the Board two months ago concerned about vehicles speeding on South 69th Street and also rolling through the 4-way stop sign at West Holmes Avenue. Staff does not support the request for speed bumps as they are noisy day and night and will only slow traffic for a short distance as well as other issues discussed.

The Greenfield Police Department has done a traffic study as well as enforcement in the area. A summary was reviewed by the Board. The speed limit is 25 mph. The average speed was 18.6 mph.

Per an email from Assistant Chief of Police David Patrick, the traffic watch was completed from July 5th to July 12th between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. During this time frame a total of five stop sign violations/citations were issued and one seat belt violation. Based on the report, this is a very compliant area.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Ald. Lubotsky to continue to monitor the area and to not install speed bumps due to the compliance in the area. Motion carried unanimously

9. Discussion and decision to adopt a resolution to release and extinguish a municipal purpose easement in the '84 South' development.

**Adopt Resolution to Release and Extinguish Municipal Purpose Easement at 84 South
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that this is another housekeeping item. As part of the 84 South development, when the old roads were vacated and discontinued the city had to retain a municipal purpose easement over the old right of way because the city still had sewers in place. These sewers have now been abandoned. The city is now prepared to release and extinguish the remaining portions of the easements.

There are no anticipated costs other than a \$30 recording fee.

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Mr. Kasza to adopt a resolution to release and extinguish a municipal purpose easement in the '84 South' development. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Director of Neighborhood Services Report

Director of Neighborhood Services Report

Mr. Katz advised the Board that Engineering has been working with the County as they plan their resurfacing project on South 92nd Street. There are some concerns on what has been proposed to this point that are being discussed.

The city will be putting up new street lights on South 92nd Street from West Cold Spring Road to West Layton Avenue which will match what is currently on West Layton Avenue.

About a year ago new wayfinding signs were erected, pointing people towards schools and parks and shopping areas. An additional 14 signs have been purchased to direct people coming into the city from neighboring areas.

There will be a public involvement meeting on July 31st for a proposed new sidewalk at Elm Dale School. The proposed sidewalk is for South Honey Creek Drive from West Edgerton Avenue to West Grange Avenue. Approximately two years ago this was proposed though tabled due to opposition by the residents living on the street. The Greenfield School Board and the Elm Dale School PTO are unanimously in support of this sidewalk project. A survey was also provided on the city's Facebook page. There were over 200 responses to the survey.

11. Superintendent of Public Works Report

Superintendent of Public Works Report

Mr. Laskoski stated that the Division of Public Works crews are currently out crack sealing on curb and gutter streets. Staff are doing a mastic overlay on South 68th Street from West Cold Spring Road to West Edgerton Avenue to help preserve that road for a few more years.

Sanitary sewer televising is still ongoing as well as sewer cleaning inspections. Line striping has begun at school zones and then major cross walk intersections and fog lines will be done, then the street dividing lines.

The street lighting project at Hwy 100 and West Beloit Road is underway. The city owned facilities have been removed and when the contractor moves the bases the new lights will be put in place.

Public Works has been working with Parks and Rec on a concrete slab for a new storage shed and some path maintenance on the Falcon Ridge trail. In winter brush clearing on the trail will take place.

Street sign replacement has been completed on the named streets and numbered streets where needed. The regulatory signs will be focused on next.

Forestry staff have been adding mulch on the medians. Last week EAB injections were started back up.

12. Engineering Report

Engineering Report

Mr. Haas stated that West Edgerton Avenue from South 27th Street to West Loomis Road has been re-opened to traffic. Landscaping will be monitored through the remainder of the year and any concerns will be addressed next spring.

The Midland neighborhood is currently being landscaped. The final layer of asphalt will be placed next year in the Spring of 2019.

A pavement rehab project is on-going throughout various areas of the city. One of the areas impacted is South 74th Street between West Layton Avenue and West Edgerton Avenue. It is expected that South 74th Street should be re-opened within the next two weeks to full traffic.

The concrete repair project on West Edgerton Avenue and West Grange Avenue is on schedule. West Edgerton Avenue from South 60th Street to South 68th Street was re-opened this morning. West Grange Avenue is anticipated to be open in the next month.

The Hawk signal at South 51st Street and West Layton Avenue is being replaced with a full traffic signal. The work should be completed by the end of August.

The south entrance at City Hall is nearing completion. There are a few small items that still need to be completed. The entrance should be re-opened in the next few weeks.

13. Other topics for future agendas

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NONE

14. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Akers to adjourn the Board of Public Works meeting at 7:23 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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Department of Neighborhood Services

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