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Meeting Minutes

Park Hills Infrastructure Committee Meeting
Park Hills, Kentucky
7/26/2018

PRESENT: Karl Oberjohn Councilmember, Committee Co-Chair

Kathy Zembrodt Councilmember, Committee Member (departed 6:00)

James Jenkins Committee Member
Dan VonHandorf Public Works Director

Matt Mattone Mayor

Jay Bayer City Engineer, Bayer Becker Zach Borchers Engineer, Bayer Becker

James Calkins Resident, Manager of The Woods of Park Hills Condos

Sheila Dean Resident

ABSENT: Greg Claypole Councilmember, Committee Co-Chair

This meeting was held at the Bayer Becker Kentucky office on 7/26/2018 from 4:30-6:45 PM. The following are notes from the meeting.

Petition by Ms. Sheila Dean

- 1. Ms. Sheila Dean of Old State Road shared her concerns about vandalism to the new sidewalk installed along Old State Road. She shared a copy of a police report which she filed with the Park Hills Police Department concerning the sidewalk damage, an email conversation between herself and the City Clerk inquiring about the matter, and photos of the damage to the sidewalk, which includes the name "John K." inscribed in the concrete at two locations and bicycle tire marks through a driveway apron caulk joint. Ms. Dean requests that the city pursue appropriate restitution for the damage to public property.
- 2. Ms. Dean also echoed the concerns of Ms. Donna Ellison-Clark of Cecelia Avenue about speeding cars on that street, and the need for traffic calming.
- 3. Ms. Dean also expressed concern about a particular car that parks on Old State Road and leaks fluid onto the pavement. She asked if there is a law that governs this situation. Committee will investigate.

Petition by Mr. James Calkins

- 1. Mr. James Calkins of Emerson Road, manager of The Woods of Park Hills Condos on Parkvale Lane, shared his concerns about damage to the condo complex's parking lot and driveway caused by storm water runoff from Jackson Road flowing down the hillside and inundating the condo premises. The pavement has sustained heavy damage over a ten-year period, and the Condo Association invested \$70k eight months ago to repave the entire property.
- 2. Mr. Calkins requests that the new storm water management system proposed for the lower Jackson Road project incorporate features in its design that will alleviate this condition.
- 3. Z. Borchers and J. Bayer suggested some design features that would address this issue, and Mr. Calkins was agreeable to these suggestions. Bayer Becker will make appropriate changes to engineering plans. Mayor Mattone will ask the City Attorney to add text acknowledging this solution in the construction easement requested from the Condo Association by the City.



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Lower Jackson Road

- 1. Geotechnology, Inc. has provided a quote for \$7,300 to inspect the hillside on the south side of lower Jackson Road. This would involve four borings. Restoration of the bore sites is not included.
- 2. Geotechnology, Inc. was formerly known as Thelen Associates, and its boilerplate legal disclaimers text has been updated. J. Bayer suggests having the City Attorney do a quick review of the new legal text. A particular concern is the liability limit set to the value of the contract. Committee recommends entering into contract with Geotechnology, Inc. once the liability limit is raised to a more suitable figure.
- 3. Design specs for the street were discussed. Width of street, measured to the backs of the curbs, will be 22 feet, which is consistent with most rebuilt ("deep-fixed") streets in the City. Sidewalk will be directly connected to the north-side curb. Curb style will be rolled, as this will allow for a consistently flat sidewalk without dips for driveway curb cuts.
- **4.** A street meeting for lower Jackson Road residents is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 PM, at the Sisters of Notre Dame building.

North Arlington Road

- 1. D. VonHandorf reported that Michels Construction is now making quicker progress on the new storm sewer line as they have reached more favorable soil conditions.
- 2. Committee revisited the box curb spec for the street. With the new sidewalk being directly adjacent to the curb, a rolled curb would result in a consistently flat sidewalk that does not dip with every driveway curb cut. Also, the existing curbs on North Arlington are rolled, and residents are used to this style. This configuration would also match the connecting sidewalk on Aberdeen Road. Committee recommended that Michels Construction be asked if there is still time to change the curb style to rolled.

Upper Audubon Road

- 1. K. Oberjohn noted that Michels Construction's bid for the North Arlington project came in at more than \$200k below what was budgeted, and suggested that the unexpected savings be used to "deep fix" upper Audubon Road, which is the subject of many resident complaints including poor pavement conditions and uncontrolled water runoff. D. VonHandorf indicated that a mill and overlay alone would not solve the water runoff issues raised by Mr. Duane Kruer.
- 2. Committee agreed to direct Bayer Becker to do preliminary engineering estimates for a "deep fix" of upper Audubon Road, from the end of the existing curb and gutter at the bend in the road, to approximately the point where the street crosses the Covington border.
- 3. The northernmost portion of the street would receive a mill and overlay repair.

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Amsterdam Road

1. The committee discussed the specs for Amsterdam Road if it is rebuilt as part of the proposed Park Pointe development. It was decided to match the newer section of the street between Trolley Park and Park Avenue: 24 feet wide measured to backs of curbs, with box-style curbs. Also, 3 ft. wide grass strip between curb and sidewalk, with sidewalk on south side of street.

Cecilia Avenue

1. Mayor Mattone has asked Police Chief Stanley to install the city's speed radar on Cecelia Avenue at the next opportunity, to investigate concerns about speeding cars on this street.

Pavement Assessment

1. J. Bayer indicated that Bayer Becker will be undertaking the city-wide pavement assessment shortly, and aims to have results to present at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Audubon Storm Sewer

- 1. J. Bayer suggested the city revisit the 50/50 match application with SD1 for the Audubon storm sewer project, since the final scope of work wound up being about 200 feet longer than originally estimated.
- 2. There were also some unanticipated line items on Eaton Construction's final invoice due to unforeseen conditions in the field. D. VonHandorf suggested all of these additional items should qualify for SD1's 50/50 match, except for any work by the Tree Board.
- 3. Bayer Becker will resubmit the 50/50 match application with the updated information.

Miscellaneous

- 1. K. Oberjohn and D. VonHandorf have not heard from Mitch Eberenz at Duke Energy recently regarding Duke's proposals for upgrading the city's street lights to LED technology. K. Oberjohn will follow up with Duke. D. VonHandorf indicated that the LED fixture replacement is fairly simple at about twenty minutes per fixture, so it is not critical to synchronize this work with another project on the same street.
- 2. Committee discussed the pros and cons of residents installing their own plantings in the city's right of way, particularly the overgrown area between Hamilton Road and Amsterdam Road. Maintenance of overgrown areas is often handled by subcontractors using high-capacity brush clearing equipment, and unfortunately it is not always possible to avoid individual plantings.
- 3. K. Oberjohn suggested that streets that currently have double yellow lines such as Old State Road should possibly have single yellow lines instead, to give the impression of a calmer residential street as opposed to a thoroughfare, and to hopefully discourage drivers from speeding.

If anything in these meeting notes does not coincide with your interpretation or recollection of the events, please contact the author at your earliest convenience.

Karl Oberjohn

cc: All Present

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