

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*January 12, 2009
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Frieder
Rick Sieracki
Ray Geigel
Dave Soeldner
Jim Brey

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
Allen Boruch

OTHERS

David Korte, Hwy 42
Michael Malek, Remiker Ln
Debbie Bellard, Remiker Ln
David Boehm, 5123 Remiker Ln
Mary Ann Koch, Remiker Ln

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 12/22/08

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2008 meeting. R. Sieracki seconded the Motion.

J. Brey wanted to amend the minutes. On the last page of the bullet points, change the bullet point to read:

J. Brey received questions as to why the snow is **not** being plowed to the middle of the boulevard on Lakeside Blvd.

Motion carried unanimously. No further discussion.

Remiker Lane - Access Issue for Dean Schultz

City Attorney Juliana Ruenzel presented the findings to the Committee and her legal opinion as far as allowing access onto Remiker Lane by Mr. Dean Schultz. Without it being discriminatory, we have no legal standpoint to deny access to Dean Schultz. J. Brey and D. Soeldner expressed that since he already has access on Sunset, additional access can be denied just as would be with other site plans. Juliana Ruenzel clarified that this would apply if there was already access onto Remiker or if there was a good reason to deny without discriminating; however, there is no legal evidence as to why we should deny this access.

The property owners were allowed time to voice their concerns. Mrs. Malek, 5117 Remiker, said that he currently has access on Sunset. She would not have built her house if she had known he would have access. She said Mr. Schultz is not a responsible or cooperative neighbor.

Mr. Dean Schultz explained the existence of his business was there for 14 years. He sold land to Jeff Check to be subdivided.

G. Minikel explained that there is a proposed road that will be built in the future. This street is currently on the Official Map. When this street is constructed it will also allow Dean Schultz to travel on either Sunset or Remiker.

Attorney Dave Pawlowski was present as Mr. Schultz's attorney. He responded to some of the comments and complained that examples of disallowing access on State Highways is not the same as allowing access onto Remiker Lane, a city street. Also, any regard to debris, speeding, etc. should be managed by the City Police Department. He wanted to know under what authority the Committee had to bring this back to the Committee after the request was granted in November 2008. T. Frieder explained that it was the Petition that brought this back for Committee discussion.

Dean Schultz currently maintains 1300 feet on Sunset Road. Maintenance costs will be minimized with access to Remiker.

Mr. Ed Emmerson, Remiker Lane, had concerns with speeding on Remiker Lane. He said there are many trucks that come through driving too fast. Mr. Dean Schultz said he has not had a speeding ticket in 14 years and has told his drivers many times to obey the speed limit. He explained that he can tell them; however, he can't control them. If there are concerns, the police department should be called and the drivers should be cited. He personally does not drive over the speed limit.

Ms. Debbie Belland requested from the Committee more time to research the City Attorney's findings and comments about allowing Mr. Dean Schultz access onto Remiker Lane.

Mr. Dan Linzmeyer asked if a culvert permit would be required. Greg explained that no culvert was needed for roadway drainage.

Ms. Susan Emmerson expressed her unhappiness about allowing access to this property and wanted everyone to do the "right thing". She moved back to this community in order to live on a quiet street and was just asking the Committee to set the law aside and just do the right thing.

Mr. Dean Schultz commented to her request by explaining that other companies are not being bothered with driving on City streets, and emphasized "City Streets". Mark Pajula, of Pajula Construction, lives on Remiker Lane as well, and nobody has concerns with his equipment that he brings home at night. Other companies are allowed to bring equipment up and down "city streets" without a problem. He stated once again that his business was there longer than any of the property owners along Remiker Lane.

Mr. Dave Boehm asked why Mr. Schultz doesn't clean up his business. T. Frieder informed him to contact Mr. Dave Korte of the Town of Manitowoc in order to discuss issues related to zoning since the property is outside city limits.

The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. At this time we will bring back the Remiker Lane - Access Issue to allow Ms. Debbie Belland time to further investigate and bring her findings back to the Committee. T. Frieder did explain that the next meeting will be limited to new information and all discussions to this point should not be included.

Plowing Practices on Boulevards

V. Mellon reported that there have been no changes in the plowing practice in the last several years. There was a time where all the snow was plowed completely to the median. This was found to be time consuming and costly. It is saving the City both time and money with the current plowing practices that are in place. R. Junk handed out some materials.

Discussion continued and Randy Junk further explained the plowing practices and how they get the work done in less time with less money spent. The City reduced the plowing time by 20%.

Snow removal from Thanksgiving until the end of December was very costly. M. Huck explained the labor (straight and overtime) and material costs. The current plowing practice they are using is saving money. It would not be practical to plow to the boulevard.

Dick White was present and requests the plowing be done as in the past to the boulevard. R. Junk explained that the City plows will not drive on the opposite side of the street. Dick White said the leaf machines drive on the wrong side of the street. R. Junk explained that the leaf equipment is designed differently than the snow plows and the leaf operation is completely confined to the parking lane.

If we do for one, we will have to do for all of the boulevards. John Kocourek was present and would like Dewey Street plowed to the boulevard as well.

T. Frieder thanked all attendees for the presentation and reiterated that plowing practices would remain unchanged and that the issue of Lakeside Blvd will not be resolved at this time. The Petition will be placed on file.

Winter Parking on Narrow Streets

V. Mellon explained that the Fire Chief requested "No Parking" signs be placed on narrow City Streets. He is concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to pass through. V. Mellon proposed parking on only one side of the street (even/odd parking).

R. Junk explained the Schools and Churches terrace areas will be cleaned up first. There are some areas that won't be able to be cleaned off until after midnight. Parking control will need to be in place.

J. Brey is concerned if this would be a continuing trend as this has been an unusual winter. G. Minikel explained that this would just be implemented as needed. We were just hoping to get something in place.

R. Geigel said that for Fire Chief has the authority to ban parking on City streets.

City tried voluntary compliance for the even/odd side parking and realized that this will not be effective. Residents are blatantly ignoring the request. An official Ordinance change with applicable fines is the only way to achieve compliance. R. Sieracki expressed his concern with limited parking areas and is not in favor of this proposed parking.

V. Mellon explained that streets will continue to be widened and will continue to update the Committee on the progress that is being made.

S. 22nd Street One-Way

V. Mellon is recommending parking on one-side of the street. The street is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2010. She would like to add bumpouts to the design to indicate this is a one-way street from traffic on Franklin Street.

Discussion was held regarding a one-way versus a two-way street. There are no plans to turn back to a two-way street.

J. Brey explained that parking is tight because of the snow and parking on the west side of the street is difficult because the driver must park out in the street to allow room to get out of the driver's side door.

J. Brey will talk with Tony Burgarino, owner of Tony's Pizza.

Any changes to Parking Ordinances will go to the Safety Traffic and Parking Committee.

Proposed Parking Ban

V. Mellon informed the Committee we will have in our possession two vacuum sweepers by the end of January and in full operation in April. The drivers have already run the routes at 4 miles per hour to see if it is possible to complete sweeping the entire City in one week.

V. Mellon explained in order to meet the 20 percent TSS reduction criteria; a parking plan needs to be in place. Areas of the city have been broken down into sections. Each section will be given a parking ban day from 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Communication to the public can be done via radio, mailings, newspaper, etc. Information can be sent out with the MPU billings.

J. Brey was concerned with downtown parking. R. Junk informed him that these sections will be done earlier (prior to 6 a.m.), before parking would become an issue downtown.

R. Junk said that another one of the advantages of designated sweeping districts is that he would know where the sweepers are on any given day.

R. Sieracki said he won't support due to the limited parking.

T. Frieder said that we will discuss further if need be after the Ordinance has been submitted.

Reconstruction of North 9th Street

G. Minikel reported the up-to-date design to the Committee. Reinforced concrete pavement will be quoted due to the heavy equipment that is used on this street. This will increase the assessment rate drastically. Mc Mullen & Pitz should be assessed the full amount while the other business that doesn't use the equipment should not be assessed for a reinforced street.

G. Minikel explained ways to cover the difference that was budgeted.

D. Soeldner asked why this is a city street. G. Minikel explained if the same owner owned both sides it wouldn't be a problem, however, this is a dedicated street on the official map and both abutting property owners will not be in favor of vacating street.

R. Sieracki asked if it would pay to look into vacating the street.

V. Mellon said she will look into the process of vacating street. G. Minikel recommended proceeding to bid and hold up the award at a later date if it becomes necessary.

Revised 5-Year Plan for New Concrete Sidewalks

G. Minikel explained the revised 5-year sidewalk plan. S. 41st Street was taken out and the amount of new sidewalk was decreased for 2009. Expo Drive was moved to 2010.

R. Geigel made a motion to approve sidewalk 5-year plan as proposed.
R. Sieracki seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer