

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*August 23, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Jim Brey
Nic Levendusky

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
Derek Muench
Bridgett Brennan

OTHERS

Ald. Matt Kadow
Dennis Van
Mike Check
Claire Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 8/09/10

N. Levendusky made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Concern from Citizen in Audience

Mr. Dennis Van was present to discuss a couple concerns he had with the Committee. One concern was parking on S. 9th Street. He said his driveway is constantly being blocked. The Committee informed him that for the next couple months there will be no parking on the West side of the street. If he would like the no parking to stay in place, it should be brought to the STP Committee for approval.

The other concern he had was driving an ATV out on the southside pier. He is unable to walk out there to fish and would like to access onto the pier. The Committee informed him that this issue was not on the agenda and therefore, the Committee would like time to have the City Engineer check with the Army Corp of Engineers and report back to the Committee as well as Mr. Van.

Request from Roorbachs for Angle Parking on S. 29th Street

D. Soeldner informed the Committee that 2 estimates were received to put angle parking back in. One is for \$28,000 and the other is \$31,000. These estimates would provide 14 angled parking spots along with curb and gutter and sidewalk.

D. Soeldner questioned Claire Olson if \$30,000 is feasible. Claire Olson requested that she would like to go back 5 years when this parking was taken away from her she feels that she should not pay any additional for something that she already had. She blames the previous City Engineer for this happening. Both G. Minikel and J. Brey informed Ms. Olson that the Streets Committee had discussed this

several times before making a decision to remove the angle parking for safety reasons.

D. Soeldner requested that since this is used for only 1-2 months out of the year, why not install a more temporary solution with perhaps mountable curb and no striping. The sidewalk would be blocked off on this side of the street and cars could angle park over it. That way at the end of the busy season it could be removed and parking would revert back to parallel which is the way it currently is now.

The Committee and City Engineers discussed different ideas. J. Brey explained that previous minutes were reviewed and removal of angle parking wasn't a decision that was made by one person. He doesn't want to set precedence. Ald. Matt Kadow made reference to the fact that for the recent Dermatology project that angled parking was installed to accommodate a "bigger business". However, it was clarified that York Street is much wider. The Committee generally agreed that angle parking could be allowed, depending on circumstances. The City and Ms. Olson agreed that \$30,000 is too much. J. Sladky is really not in favor of putting in something on a temporary basis, but would like to see some design options.

Ms. Claire Olson said she doesn't believe her angle parking was taken away properly. She was sent many mixed signals "after" the angle parking was removed.

J. Sladky and N. Levendusky would like an alternative design and cost estimate. J. Brey suggested that we include as much construction as possible to be performed in house with DPW crews in order to save money.

Engineering is to put together cost estimates with mountable curb and a cost estimate for DPW to do the work and bring back at a future meeting.

Communication (10-064) from SMI requesting that Streets & Sanitation Committee take action on various issues relating to stormwater pond Maintenance Costs

Michael Check presented a study to the Committee. He previously attended 2 meetings with local developers to brainstorm issues relating to the stormwater pond maintenance costs. The Committee, Engineers and Michael Check discussed the requirements for the City to take over ownership of the ponds. The Developers do not want to be perpetually responsible for the future when the Subdivisions are complete and the companies may no longer even exist.

The general consensus of the Committee is to take ownership; we just need to come up with a cost to take over these private ponds.

D. Soeldner said that the previous cost that we presented was quite high and we need to negotiate a cost that is fair for both parties. He asked Michael Check how he would like to proceed.

A suggestion was made to form a Negotiating Team in order to deliberate and come to agreement on the details.

Michael Check would like to further discuss with City Personnel (Streets Committee Member(s), Engineer(s)) as well as Paul Steinbrecher and another developer. D. Soeldner and J. Sladky would like to be involved, as well as G. Minikel. E-mails should be sent to keep everyone informed.

Discussion of Erosion Issues at Silver Creek Park

V. Mellon explained that Allen Boruch investigated the erosion taking place and put together possible solutions and cost estimates.

Some time in the past, when the cul-de-sac was paved, the increased water runoff is likely the major cause of the erosion. V. Mellon would like to re-direct the water as it leaves the cul-de-sac to eliminate water running down the hill to the bridge and causing more problems.

The preliminary cost estimate is \$20,000. Another option was putting in a ditch; however, this will not work due to grade issues. V. Mellon explained possibly ditching the path area. J. Sladky recommended putting in an asphalt path.

A. Schema suggested wire mesh boxes that were used in other cities. He also presented pictures of water bars to the Committee for another options.

Discussion took place regarding the installation of a short run of storm sewer and a manhole, which would require a permit from the DNR. The outlet for the water would be into the river just upstream of the bridge.

The Frisbee golf course could be a big factor causing the erosion we see today. The area is more manicured than years ago.

N. Levendusky wants to make sure the bridge is structurally sound before we do anything more.

The Committee recommends for the Engineering Department to have a bridge inspection done for the next meeting. G. Minikel would like to hire out as it would involve structure analysis. A. Schema recommended contacting the County.

V. Mellon asked whose budget this should come out of. J. Brey feels this is a Park's issue.

At another location in this same park, the river has eroded a disk golf pad area. This was likely caused when a tree fell and blocked the flow. The flow diverted itself and significantly weakened the bank.

N. Levendusky said that there is a cable that we need to find out who it belongs to as well, this may determine how we proceed.

Discussion of Lakeside Boulevard Bluff Erosion Issue - Submittal for Coastal Management Funding

At a previous meeting, the Committee asked the City Engineer to provide the Committee with a copy of the paperwork that needs to be filled out to apply for this grant to find out if the \$1500 AECOM is charging is justifiable.

V. Mellon distributed an outline of points to consider why we would benefit to have AECOM complete the application versus Engineering submit the application on their own. V. Mellon said that AECOM has relationships with the Coastal Management's selection team. They have worked with them in the past and could be a benefit to the City.

D. Soeldner asked if Val received any statistics as to how many projects AECOM applied for and how many were received. V. Mellon said no, however, we applied last year and didn't receive any funding.

D. Soeldner made a motion to hire AECOM to perform study and not to exceed \$1500. J. Sladky seconded the Motion.

The \$1500 is only to send out application. There would be no changes made.

J. Brey said that this erosion issue has been in existence for years. We have already had discussions to turn into a 2-lane road in future if erosion becomes too bad.

The Committee was not on board with applying for any funding. The current property owners are part of the reason for the erosion taking place. There currently is a fine \$25 for any removal of trees by property owners.

The Committee voted and motion was defeated on a 4-1 vote. (1 Aye - A. Schema; 4 nays)

D. Soeldner recommends bringing back to a future meeting for enforcement of signage and to increase the fine for cutting down trees.

Proposal (10-465) from Montgomery Associates for professional service for recreating a small pond adjacent to Little Manitowoc River

This was referred from Parks Committee. V. Mellon explained that the Mayor previously asked Janet Sosnosky what the proposal would be to perform the study. V. Mellon said that she believed it was \$1300 for the study.

D. Soeldner said he was going to pass around at recess at the next Council Meeting. He asked if this amount was for the study along, and if so, would we want to spend this much?

G. Minikel and J. Brey didn't feel it is the City's responsibility; however, someone needs to take action.

The Committee did not take any action on this issue at this time. D. Soeldner said he will leave it in the folder for now.

Other Business

V. Mellon addressed the Committee and expressed concerns regarding discussions that are being held behind her back between Jim Muenzenmeyer and Brian Helminger regarding the street sweeper wash bay. J. Sladky said he sent an e-mail to Jim Muenzenmeyer regarding other possible places to store and clean this equipment.

V. Mellon briefly updated the Committee on the status of the outdoor solutions that were being explored with the DNR at the DPW site and asked that she be invited to any discussions and to not be left out of the loop. The Committee agreed and apologized saying it was a misunderstanding.

J. Sladky made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

N. Levendusky seconded the motion.



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