

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*September 13, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Jim Brey (arrived 6:42)
Nic Levendusky

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
Derek Muench

OTHERS

Art Kracht
Rhonda Kracht
Paul & Dawn Glover
Gordy Kopetsky
Lynn Zimney
Renate Kennedy
Diane Toltzmann
Joe Kennedy
Mabel Beier
Judy Schnell
John Lawcewsky
John Hannah
Flora Rozoff
Theresa Smoter
Lee Werlein
David Dahleen
Cheryl Kappelmann
Susan Vocke
Gary Axchenbrenner
Michael Check

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 8/23/10

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

Discussion regarding drainage concerns on Nicholas Ct/Viebahn St

J. Muenzenmeyer discussed the drainage issues that exist in the Nicholas Court area. There is backyard ponding after heavy rains that occur; however, this is a private drainage issue. Building Inspection advised the residents in this area what could be done to alleviate some of the flooding. J. Muenzenmeyer informed the affected property owners that it appears that some of the back-up is from a drainage swale that has been partially filled in and there is a 15" storm in the rear yard of 823 Nicholas sewer, which should be adequate especially if an existing berm can be extended to channel the flow to this inlet and additional placement of drain tile to solve some of the ponding.

Currently there is a catch basin covered in debris from an existing tree.

J. Muenzenmeyer said that the tax payers shouldn't have to pay for private drainage issues.

N. Levendusky asked if there are corrections that can be addressed as the Church is currently remodeling. B. Netzler explained that he has been in contact with U.S. Plumbing and they will keep the City in the loop with which drainage system will be installed.

G. Minikel said that this wouldn't be a cure all as Metzger's property will still have flooding issues from the existing ditch south of the Church.

B. Netzler said that we have done all we can do. We have responded to the complaints and investigated the issue.

A. Schema asked if there is a policy to check problem areas after a storm. V. Mellon said there is a list that the DPW does maintain and the crew is sent to clean inlets on the list.

Discussion occurred among the a few property owners and the Building Inspection.

V. Mellon explained that if we were dumping road water into this area we would certainly correct the problem; however, she believes that all road water is being picked up by the stormsewer.

D. Dolling, a previous custodian from the Church, explained that he believes water is coming up over the curb near the Viebahn & S. 10th Street Intersection at the tree line and is part of the problem being discussed. G. Minikel said when reconstruction of this area takes place is when we will be surveying the area; however, the Engineering Dept. hasn't heard of this "problem" before today.

J. Sladky and D. Soeldner requested that the Engineers check to make sure the water is not jumping the curb in this area and bring back to the Committee.

Viebahn Street

B. Netzler asked if there were any questions.

V. Mellon said Ordinance requires sump pump connection when a mini-sewer is constructed. G. Minikel said the mini-sewer program has been in place since 1983. Neighborhoods have been served for almost 30 years. We need to keep clearwater out of the sanitary sewer to avoid paying to treat Clearwater and prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

The mini-storm sewer program was also in place to eliminate icing from sump pumps on city streets and sidewalks.

Mr. Kennedy questioned why letters requested compliance in 120 days. B. Netzler explained that for legal purpose, he has to provide a time period to comply. He has the authority and 120 days can be extended on an individual request.

State Law requires licensed plumber to install piping. Property owner can dig trench. Once served, obligated to connect. J. Sladky said that a timeframe should be included in the Ordinance.

The hookup fee is to pay for a portion of the pipe. All new subdivisions currently pay this connection fee.

D. Soeldner explained that the mini-sewer program is in place for a purpose. Letters typically will be sent out before the installation takes place.

Request for Crosswalk and "Visually Disabled Child" Sign for 1126 New York Avenue

D. Muench explained this is bus route #6 with the stop being on southwest corner. The bus stop will be moved to the southeast corner with crosswalks and signage at 12th and New York Avenue. The rider is visually disabled and it was the request of his parent's to recommend added crosswalks and signage.

J. Brey made a motion to approve installation of the ADA Compliant Crosswalks and signage to be put in place due to the relocation of the bus stop. A. Schema seconded the motion.

V. Mellon wanted to clarify that additional "Visually Impaired" signage will be put into place at this location.

All in favor, no further discussion.

Request for Crosswalk at Waldo Blvd and Glenview Dr

There is a request for crosswalk from across Waldo Blvd at Glenview Drive (west side). There presently is not a crosswalk until after the viaduct on Waldo Blvd. The reason for the request is because the bus rider has a condition which he can only see 20 feet in front of him.

Discussion ensued regarding which location to put crosswalk. The Engineers explained that the best area is the one being proposed. The island provides a break.

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the crosswalk with "Vision Impaired" signage. J. Brey seconded the motion.

The Engineering Department should handle the details of the crosswalk.

All in favor, no further discussion.

Discussion of Erosion Issues at Silver Creek Park

G. Minikel inspected the bridge and the footings are still structurally sound. He suggested bidding this project along with other 2011 sewer construction. Our equipment might not be capable of handling the work due to the depth and river bank location.

The Committee recommended getting quotes to see if under \$25,000. Once we receive numbers we can discuss how to pay.

J. Brey said it should come out of the Parks Dept. budget and turn over to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

The work could be done this year but it's better to wait until next spring due to bank restoration seeding and growth.

The Committee recommends having several local companies quote this project.

Update on the Current Status of the Red Arrow Park Stormwater Situation, as Regards to Timing for Implementation

N. Levendusky wants to know if the road is supposed to be resurfaced. He wants to know if there will be installation of pipes under the road due to the construction of the pond.

V. Mellon explained there will be no change to the existing outfall; however the construction of the pond will tie into the existing storm sewer. Any park road reconstruction is being handled by the Parks Dept. via separate contract. Engineering Dept. has not been contacted at all with regard to the status of that work.

No additional storm sewers will be installed.

2010 Fall Leaves & Brush Pickup

V. Mellon said that the language is the same as last year. J. Sladky asked if there was a chance of switching the pickup locations so not the same section of the City is always stuck with the first pick-up. V. Mellon explained the reason they pick up the way they do is because it is warmer on the west side which is always the first pickup.

The brush pickup dates also work out well as the leaves get picked up right after and often with the same crew.

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the pickup dates. A. Schema seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. No further discussion.

Other Business

G. Minikel questioned the status of the Little Manitowoc River. The general consensus was to leave in the folder and eventually place on file. V. Mellon explained that she brought the conceptual project to a recent meeting with Coastal Management Representatives in order to see if it would qualify for their grant, and it would; however, Coastal Management requires a 50 percent match.

The Committee thought this would be very costly and not effective and decided not to move forward to award the study to Montgomery Associates or even to apply for Coastal Management funding for it at this time.

*J. Sladky made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
N. Levendusky seconded the motion.*



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