

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Streets Committee meeting was held on September 7, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Vincent Weimer, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Jessica Fenos; **Council:** Jeremy Dietrich, Joanne Krejci, Mike Vos, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Finance Director Eric Dean, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** John Nickell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 6, 2021 Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Fenos. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on sidewalks and connections

Mr. Haselton provided a quick update on Bennett Road. The Stage 2 submittal would be done this month for ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation). He touched on the State Road sidewalk out front, in which the preconstruction meeting would be held on September 13th, and the contractor was Terrace Construction Company.

Mr. Weimer inquired about more details for the residents along Bennett Road. Mr. Haselton indicated that we will see what ODOT says about what is submitted to them, whether we are on the right track, as to what they are looking for. Mr. Weimer asked about items such as utilities, poles, and fire hydrants. Mr. Haselton stated that we want to obtain their feedback with what we are proposing first. As for the timeline, they could take up to a month with comments, therefore it could be the end of October before we hear back from ODOT. Mr. Weimer raised question whether that does give enough time, if there are any challenges we may need to overcome with the residents. Mr. Haselton believed there would be plenty of time. We still have to do Stage 3 and the construction for this one may be even further out.

2. Service Department Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi advised that the monthly reports for the last two months were sent out.

He gave everyone a recap on a couple of items that were done in the last couple of months. As far as inhouse through the Service Department, the concrete work and catch basins in Royal Valley Development, Sherwood Trail and Ashley Woods, were all completed. Akins's development (?) is completely finished now, whereas they did some concrete work at the Service Yard. As far as asphalt, Vista Drive was done, along with Abbey Road, Heasley Field and at the Service yard. Work was done inhouse, along with all of the regular signs, mowing and landscaping work that is normally done. It has been busy and many things have been finalized.

Mr. Weimer asked if there were any major streets planned to do before the winter season approaches. Mr. Cinquepalmi indicated there were not. Currently, they are going into Spyglass Hill, in which they started last week and all of that should be finished. He was hoping to have time to get into the Industrial Parkway, whereas he would like to do some more concrete repair work there. Question was raised as which area of Spyglass. Mr. Cinquepalmi stated they are all over that area, right on the main drag, by North Star Drive, and are on Buccaneer Drive; they plan to touch mostly all of those. There were a lot of joints that were done with asphalt, in which they are going to be retouching some of those, taking them out, putting the concrete back in, and making some other repairs.

3. **2021 Road Maintenance Program**

Mr. Cinquepalmi reported that the work contracted out is all done. Set In Stone Contracting finished the main project, which was the concrete work; Royal Valley Development and Sherwood Development. The asphalt contractor finished the work, whereas there was another street thrown in the mix; Sedgewick Court and Circle. That was done within the last two months along with H easley Field. The other contracted work was the street striper, which was completed last week. All of the contracted work is complete. Mr. Weimer expressed his appreciation for the work done at H easley Field, as a soccer parent, and thanked Mayor Antoskiewicz.

Mr. Haselton provided a couple of updates on Boston Road, whereas it was completed last week and is now open. The contractor will have to return next week and look at some cracks with Medina County. Royalton Road is substantially complete. There are two tasks that are left including an electrical box near the Royalton Business Park sign; in need of repair. They also need to restore and clean the basin near the City Service Center. Sprague Road was originally supposed to start around late August or early September; however, construction has been delayed to roughly November because of material shortages. As the contractor gets more information as they get materials, the County will be able to set a more affirmative date. That is the latest he has heard pertaining to Sprague Road.

Mr. Marnecheck inquired about what materials were in short supply. Mr. Haselton indicated that it is the pipe for the water line that they are having difficulty obtaining; even concrete structures and concrete pipes are difficult to get at this time. Mr. Fenos asked about the time frame for that portion. Mr. Haselton indicated it is a two-year project for all of Sprague Road; the last year should be smaller items. Ms. Fenos inquired about when they begin, as to what would be the first stage. Mr. Haselton believed it would be the water line; the underground work first.

Ms. Krejci asked about the area, if it is West 130th Street to York Road, or if it goes even further. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that it is just W. 130th to York. Mr. Weimer questioned if Mr. Haselton thought they would start tearing up road in November with winter coming, or if they would wait. Mr. Haselton thought that they would just do the utility parts; they could likely begin with that. Ms. Fenos raised question as to the location of the water line. Mr. Cinquepalmi believed the water line was on the north side of Sprague Road. Ms. Fenos brought up traffic plans. Mr. Haselton explained that they are going to allow west bound to be open due to our Fire and Police; in which they desired.

4. **Ridge Road and Royal wood Intersection**

Mr. Haselton explained that work is being done on an application for OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) which is due next week; finalizing that for submission. At that point, we will hear back in the fall whether we receive something. Mr. Weimer inquired about how far that may get us to the final goal. Mr. Haselton conveyed that if we receive money from OPWC, that would be great, and it would go toward design in 2022; with potential construction in 2023 if it goes forward. Mayor Antoskiewicz advised that the application is for roughly 72%, in which and we would be putting in the remaining; roughly 25%. If we receive that based on the estimate, it could be close to \$1m. Mr. Haselton indicated that the total of the project is around \$1.25-\$1.5m. Mr. Weimer asked if Mr. Haselton had any predictions or feeling on how we might make out. Himself, along with Mayor Antoskiewicz conveyed that they are uncertain, but hopeful.

Mr. Marnecheck questioned if there has been an idea of what property we might need to acquire. Mr. Haselton indicated that we do have an alignment shown, but he thought it goes through the property we already have; therefore, that would not be an issue. He made mention about the property across from Royalwood where it realigns into; no other property acquisitions, but he can look more closely. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that he would not want to speculate on any of that right now.

5. **Simple Recycling**

Mr. Weimer noted that he would take this off of the agenda following this meeting. Mr. Kelly pointed out that there is something on the agenda tonight, which was ordinance 21-146, whereas Council was being asked for approval to allow the Mayor to terminate the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weimer reported that he received a phone call from a resident concerning the High School / Middle School complex on Ridge Road. There is a cross walk that goes from the condominium side of Ridge Road over to the High School, whereas if you cross as a middle school student, you then have to cross over the driveway to get to the middle school parking lot; crossing in front of buses and traffic. The question was raised if there is a way to get a second cross walk at that intersection to enable crossing from either side of that corner. This was raised as a safety issue, which Mr. Weimer understood too, as a parent, with the kids having to cross in front of traffic. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that if we could not do a second crosswalk, his idea of moving the one to the other side. Mr. Weimer agreed that would be better. Mayor Antoskiewicz would see what can be done.

1. **Leaf Pick up**

Ms. Krejci has had several residents approach her about whether the City could get leaf pick up. She had spoken to Ms. Barath about this and tried to get some information about Broadview Heights; however, she was not sure if we have ever considered it here in the City. Mayor Antoskiewicz conveyed that he has been considering it for a long time. However, that creates a few issues. One, he would have to hire roughly 8-10 people, and he cannot do that for a two-month period. He cannot afford to hire people in the Service Department for an entire year, in order to pick up leaves for two months. The other option would be to have an outside company come in for a two-month period, which would entail landscaping companies. They usually lose their help right around that August mark. He went on to say secondly, a lot of landscaping companies plow snow, so help is a big factor as far as trying to get someone to do it. I think for you to guarantee them the work, they are going to have to make sure they have the personnel, and whether you pick them up, he would have to pay a premium. In his mind, the only way this could be done is to try and find a company from the outside that would be willing, that has the equipment and personnel at that time of the year.

Ms. Krejci wanted to clarify that there is really no company out there that does that kind of work. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated not that he is aware of. He continued that people would not want us to put on that kind of personnel. Mr. Weimer pointed out that it could cause some storm issues, as he had heard from others. Being here as long as he has, it was shocking to him that anyone even had leaf pick up, because in southern Ohio, there is none. He does not feel it is crazy that we do not have leaf pick up. He felt it was financially responsible with what the Mayor says. It did not sound like it is something fiscally that we should do. However, Mayor Antoskiewicz is open if anything ever comes about pertaining to this. Mr. Dietrich brought up a problem that was had in Strongsville as a result of leaves.

Ms. Fenos stated that there are a lot of people that would love to have leaf pick up, and the majority of those people have the really deep ditches; in which some are elderly. However, there are people that do not want to subsidize other's leaf pick up. She felt that people can get their own landscaper to take care of their leaves. She understood the situation that there is not an option currently. Mr. Dietrich wanted to encourage Ms. Fenos to research this more, which would help answer the question for all of Council. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted he has done research on it, and has not found anything. He pointed out that when you are talking about a landscaping company, whom you would only need for several weeks to two months, it would really have a cost; you would be paying a company to hang on to those laborers for additional months when the season is ending. The Mayor spoke about the challenge of trying to pay for such services.

Ms. Barath had talked to the Mayor in Broadview Heights, whereas they had shortages in staffing as a big part of things; he had sent out his own trucks. As discussion ensued, it was clarified that Broadview Heights has

their own leaf pickup trucks. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that they use their own crew. Ms. Barath stated that it is a challenge and with the weather; first snow wets the leaves, plus having the equipment. To Mr. Weimer's understanding, Broadview Heights gave him the impression that they would not agree to do that again with leaf pick up, and that Mayor had shared it was difficult. Mr. Marnecheck had thought that the first initial goal was just trees on the tree lawn, however, it entails every tree and every leaf that you can get your hands on; which can be a challenge with twigs and the machinery. Mr. Weimer would entertain putting it back on the agenda later on, if some research is done. At this time, he would remove it.

2. Intersection at Abbey and Route 82

Ms. Krejci had received some questions when emailing residents about some of the potential opening of the Business Park and things that we are looking at; as an Abbey Road entrance. That intersection can be really backed up because there is no right turn lane from Abbey Road onto Route 82; it is only one lane in each direction. She inquired if we would be doing any research into looking at that intersection before we start considering it for an extra entrance on the York Road business park.

Mr. Jordan indicated that they did traffic counts on the average traffic counts all day, on part of the Rt. 82 projects for that intersection. He noted that it was substantially changed and improved. It was widened, in which they did look at adding a turn lane, however, the traffic counts did not warrant another dedicated turning lane; even with the land zoned Industrial. Mr. Weimer raised question if that would change at all, if that area there became zoned differently based on the Industrial Park. Mr. Jordan clarified no. The property was zoned for an Industrial Park expansion; which added jobs there. He noted that they were aware of the zoning. Mr. Marnecheck questioned whether they used that on their modeling. Mr. Jordan indicated that they did so.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Fenos to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of September 7, 2021**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – July 2021

7/6/21 Tue.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Poured concrete section in Service Yard parking lot. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Wednesday pour.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

7/7/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section in Service Yard parking lot. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Thursday pour.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Cut up and hauled away broken branch from tree lawn tree at 4543 Maplegrove Ave.

Added stone to berm at 7946 Albion Rd.

7/8/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section in Service Yard parking lot. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Friday pour.

Strip concrete forms and landscape on Ridgeline Dr & Princeton Dr.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

Grind out and install new asphalt in Service Yard parking lot.

Make signs for City Hall.

7/9/21 Fri.

Poured last concrete section in Service Yard parking lot.

Excavate and tear out concrete sections on Center Dr.

Asphalt repair water digs on Julia Dr, Ridge Rd, W 130th St, Hi-View Dr and Parkdale Dr.

Installed “No Parking in Cul-de-sac” sign & “No Parking on Hydrant Side” sign on North Red Oak. Replaced street signs & pole at Beckenham Rd & Spindlewood Ct and Waterford Dr.

7/12/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out concrete sections on Center Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt in Service Yard parking lot.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Cleaned up nails in road at Ridge Rd & Edgerton Rd.

7/13/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Wednesday pour.

Crack Sealed around new concrete and asphalt in Service Yard parking lot.

Landscape repairs at Heasley Field, corner of property at 7475 Julia Dr and around catch basin at 15578 Martin Dr.

7/14/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Thursday pour.
Prep Mapleridge Dr for asphalt work.
Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Ridgeline Dr.
Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

7/15/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Monday pour.
Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Ridgeline Dr, Scottsdale Dr, Princeton Dr and Vale Dr.
Paint safety poles next to overhead doors at Service Garage.

7/16/21 Fri.

Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Ridgeline Dr, Scottsdale Dr, Princeton Dr and Vale Dr.
Re-organize materials in Service Yard in preparation for NEORSD road project.

7/19/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.
Take down all banner hardware/brackets from utility poles.
Poured concrete section on Center Dr.
Repaired berm with asphalt at Mapleridge Dr & Wallings Rd.
Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing in Service Yard parking lot.

7/20/21 Tue.

Installed asphalt strip for new driveway at 3272 Akins Rd. Patched pothole at Redbay Ln & Buttonbush Ln.
Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Ridgeline Dr.
Excavate and haul away tree stump grindings for State Rd sidewalk project.
Crack sealed around new concrete and asphalt in Service Yard parking lot.
Fix hardware/brackets for banners.

7/21/21 Wed.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Service Yard parking lot, Ridgeline Dr, Scottsdale Dr, Vale Dr and Princeton Dr.
Installed drain-tile under new parking lot at Heasley Field.
Installed "No Outlet" sign on Mapleridge Dr.
Picked up mattress by road at 19415 Bennett Rd.

7/22/21 Thur.

Crack sealed around new concrete on Ridgeline Dr, Scottsdale Dr, Vale Dr and Princeton Dr.
Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Royal Valley Dr.
Mowed with brush hog on Edgerton Rd.
Log utility pole numbers on Royalton Rd for Veteran Banners.

7/23/21 Fri.

Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Royal Valley Dr and Sherwood Estates.

Paint safety poles next to overhead doors at Service Garage.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails on Edgerton Rd.

7/26/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out concrete sections on Center Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt in Heasley Field parking lot and on Royalwood Rd.

7/27/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Wednesday pour.

Repaired asphalt apron due to water dig repair at 8696 Royalhaven Dr.

Demoed Asphalt Hot Box at Heasley Field.

7/28/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Thursday pour.

Cut up and hauled away dead tree branch hanging over the road at 11713 Akins Rd.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Cut grass at Service Yard.

7/29/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out section on Hillside Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Saw cut on South Gateway for concrete repairs.

Grind out and install new asphalt in Heasley Field parking lot.

7/30/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Hillside Dr, set up for Monday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt in Heasley Field parking lot.

Service Department Monthly Report – August 2021

8/2/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Poured concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Hillside Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

8/3/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out section on Center Dr, set up for Wednesday pour.

Installed asphalt around catch basin repair done by Storm Water at W 130th St & Albion Rd.

8/4/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Center Dr. Excavate and tear out section on South Gateway Dr.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Vista Dr.

8/5/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out sections on South Gateway Dr, set up for Friday pour. Repair catch basins on Center Dr and South Gateway Dr.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Load up H.H.W. for drop-off.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

Grade back yard at Service Center.

8/6/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on South Gateway Dr and rebuilt catch basin at 14514 South Gateway Dr.

Excavate and repair section of heaved road at 13134 York Rd.

Dropped off H.H.W. to County for recycling.

8/9/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Saw cut concrete to open joints for crack sealing on Center Dr.

Excavate and tear out sections on Heather Ln for concrete slab replacement.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Added asphalt to berm at 11123 Abbey Rd.

8/10/21 Tue.

Excavate and tear out sections on Heather Ln and Ashely Ln for concrete slab replacement, set up for Wednesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

8/11/21 Wed.

Pour concrete section on Heather Ln and Ashley Ln.

Cleaned up around Service Yard.

Trimmed trees back at 12920 Edgerton Rd.

8/12/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out section on Hillside Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Installed 2 "Do Not Enter" signs and poles, 1 "No Right Turn" sign and pole and 1 "Pedestrian Crossing" sign and pole at the YMCA.

8/13/21 Fri.

Pour concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out section on Hillside Dr.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Asphalt repair water dig on Gardenside Dr.

Trimmed branches hanging out into road on Edgerton Rd before W 130th St.

8/16/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out section on Heather Ln, set up for Wednesday pour. Set up Hillside Dr for Tuesday pour.

Install asphalt strip for new driveway at 10020 Lynn Dr. Patched curb in front of 11772 Ridge Rd.

Reseeded landscape repair at 15578 Martin Dr.

Cut back tree branches blocking speed limit signs on Cady Rd and tree branch blocking stop sign at Dublin Dr & Royal Valley Dr. Cut down tree branches overgrowing into street at 11747 Ivy Ridge Dr.

Replaced stolen "Stop" signs at Cannon Oval & Rustic Dr and Quail Oval & Rustic Dr.

8/17/21 Tue.

Pour concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out section on Ashley Ln, set up for Wednesday pour.

Repair catch basins on Ashley Ln.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Replaced "Lane Merging 500ft Ahead" sign and pole due to accident. Replaced stolen "Do Not Park in Cul-de-sac" sign on Cannon Oval. Replaced "No Truck" sign and pole at Royalwood Rd & State Rd. Removed "No Outlet" sign on Thornton Dr.

8/18/21 Wed.

Pour concrete sections on Heather Ln and Ashley Ln. Excavate and tear out another section on Heather Ln and Ashley Ln, set up for Thursday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

8/19/21 Thur.

Pour concrete sections on Heather Ln and Ashley Ln. Excavate and tear out section on Hillside Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Help Rec. Dept. set up for Summerfest.

8/20/21 Fri.

Pour concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Hillside Dr, set up for Monday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Help Rec. Dept. set up for Summerfest.

8/23/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Pour concrete section on Hillside Dr. Excavate and tear out section on North Gateway Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

8/24/21 Tue.

Pour concrete section on North Gateway Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on North Gateway Dr, set up for Wednesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

8/25/21 Wed.

Pour concrete section on North Gateway Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on North Gateway Dr.

Tear down and haul away concession building at Memorial Park.

8/26/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out another section on North Gateway Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Vista Dr.

Remove fence, cut down trees and grade swale in back yard at Service Center.

Picked up "Welcome to North Royalton" sign and post from Sprague Rd & W 130th St that was taken down due to construction.

8/27/21 Fri.

Pour concrete section on North Gateway Dr.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Vista Dr.

Install asphalt strip for new driveway at 10056 Lynn Dr. Patch pothole at 9664 Akins Rd.

Continue tree removal and grading in back yard at Service Center.

8/30/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out section on Dan Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Straightened speed limit sign at 4384 Wiltshire Rd. Installed "Do Not Block Drive" sign at 19401 State Rd.

Straightened leaning mailbox at 9115 Ridge Rd.

Grind out and install new asphalt patch in front of 9664 Akins Rd.

Continue grading in back yard at Service Center.

8/31/21 Tue.

Pour concrete section on Dan Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Dan Dr, set up for Wednesday pour.

Continue grading in back yard at Service Center.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

9/1/21 Wed.

Pour concrete section on Dan Dr. Saw cut in Spy Glass Development for concrete repairs.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Take down school signs at Albion Elementary, Royal View Elementary and Valley Vista Elementary.

9/2/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out section on Falls Ct & Tanglewood Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Put flags up for Labor Day. Installed "40 MPH" speed limit sign and pole at 19401 State Rd.

Repaired mailbox at 11001 Drake Rd.

9/3/21 Fri.

Pour concrete section on Falls Ct & Tanglewood Dr.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.