

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2022**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on January 4, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Joanne Krejci, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Linda Barath; **Council:** Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Wos, Dawn Carbone-McDonald, John Nickell; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Economic Director Tom Jordan; **Other:** Vincent Weimer, Jessica Fenos, Michael McDonald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 3, 2021 Committee minutes. Minutes were accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on sidewalks and connections

Mr. Haselton provided an update on the Bennett Road project, in which a design is being prepared. Stage 3 plans are being submitted in February. He noted that it is progressing as expected.

2. Service Department Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi had sent reports out. Ms. Krejci asked if it had been a relatively quiet month. Mr. Cinquepalmi concurred. This allowed opportunities to do a lot of maintenance on equipment and rebuilding of some trailers.

3. 2022 Road Maintenance Program

Mr. Cinquepalmi indicated that was being worked on. They are going to different developments reviewing what can be done in house or by an outside contractor. They usually go out to bid around February. Everything that was scheduled for last year was completed except for the Industrial Parkway, therefore, they are going to approach that first. He planned to evaluate more roads with the Mayor.

Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that we have Ridge Road for next year; it is well on its way. It has already been out to bid, etc. Mr. Haselton clarified that ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) is working on the contract with the contractor; who is the lowest bid. It has not been signed as of yet, however, they are close to doing so. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that besides Ridge Road, himself along with Mr. Cinquepalmi would plan to go out to bid for the 2022 Road Maintenance Program. They still have some rounds to make for a couple of areas, which will be coming up pretty soon. He concurred with Mr. Cinquepalmi that everything for 2021 has been done. Mr. Cinquepalmi believed they would know more by the next meeting in going out to bid and seeing what kind of pricing there is.

Ms. Krejci asked about the timeline on starting Ridge Road, mentioning weather. Mr. Haselton clarified that ODOT likely has a good idea of the date, however, he was uncertain; spring to summertime is likely.

Mr. Wos brought up thoughts on talking to the Mayor in Broadview Heights about Akins Road, east of State, in which there were discussions last year. Mr. Haselton indicated that yes, that was one that we attempted to get funding for a few years ago and he felt that we would try again. He would be putting that together.

KEEP ON AGENDA.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Mr. Haselton advised that in December we found out that we did not receive OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) funding for that project. There was one more avenue that we could try to do this month, which is a different ODOT funding source. However, if not, that might be our last avenue for funding sources.

LEAVE ON AGENDA.

5. **Sprague Road**

Mr. Haselton reported that he checked in with the contractor earlier for an update. They are installing the water main. They should be done roughly, early February, whereas plans entail hooking everyone up to that line by the end of February. Following that, they will begin in the storm sewer. Mr. Haselton went on to say that they are making good progress and it has been smooth with the residents. Ms. Krejci mentioned seeing signs now on Abbey and York Road in construction, in the one-way intersection.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out that the consent agenda included going out for bids for the Splash Pad. Mr. Jordan provided an update that we have undertaken the design of a Splash Pad and Shade Structure for Memorial Park. There are basically two companies, Water Odyssey and Vortex, which actually provide the equipment for most of these types of structures. We are going out to bid. Typically, it would be to a general contractor who would build both structures and do the electrical upgrade by the equipment, and assemble it. In a prior Council meeting, we reviewed types of equipment for the Splash Pad, for what price. We agreed on the mid-level range, which was around \$550,000 for the equipment.

These pads are typically associated with some type of shade structure, similar to a small pavilion. Typically, the parents would not go into the splash pad area, but stay on the side lines and observe. The shade structure allows room for people to keep their belongings and towels. At Memorial Park there is a large playground area. We have shade structures for the equipment; however, we do not have much of a shaded area for parents to watch their children. The shade structure would enable them to watch them at the playground, as well as the splash pad. In addition to that, during design we contacted CEI and met them here. We discussed the power requirements, pointing out the underground that goes back to a pump station. There is also a tank where you would treat the water; ensuring it is clean and for pumping. The power to spray the park draws on electrical power. The transformer that we have in the park would not have enough power to power up; the large pump. Therefore, included in the cost now, would be to replace the transformer that feeds the park. It is a transformer shade structure and the splash park. With everything included, the engineer's estimate is \$800,000 roughly. Mr. Jordan continued while showing projector slides and making comparisons to both companies.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald asked if there would be any kind of seating for parents. Mr. Jordan concurred there would be in the shade structure; it is not in the bid, however. A new pavilion is being built at the top. Mr. Jordan noted the shade structure, the fenced-in area, the splash park, and the new transformer, all of which the engineer's assessment is at \$800,000. Our hope is that it comes in lower and that we have a competitive bid process. He is waiting on a little electrical design to come in from the electrical engineer, and we anticipate the bid will be advertised to go out next week with Council's approval this evening.

Mr. Dietrich questioned if the \$800,000 exceeds what Council already approved for this project, or whether just a preliminary was done. Mr. Jordan clarified that Council agreed on the \$550,000 range. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that when he came to Council about the Splash Pad and asked what range all were comfortable with, the result was the \$550,000 range. We never discussed a range for the shade structure. It was in the Master Plan. We anticipated \$60,000 or so for the shade structure. The electrical is part of "doing business" with all that we are implementing. When CEI came in and looked at the transformers, they indicated that we must upgrade; which is where some of the additional cost is. Council has not actually approved the cost yet. A ball park was given and that is what we have been working off of. He went on to say that what he is asking tonight,

is just to be able to go out to bid. Once the bids come in, then Council will approve that cost. At this time, it is just getting out to bid, which he would like to do as soon as possible. He was hoping for July 4th to have this done this year. Sometimes materials and help can be difficult, however, he is hoping for that timeline. The additional part is the shade structure. We were not really sure until they reviewed it. Now we know we must upgrade.

Mr. Marnecheck brought up that the Mayor had potentially planned on using some of the one-time funds that we received to pay for this. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred; the plan was that we could use the CARES Act money. To clarify, he stated that we are going to be able to use that initially for the Safety Forces. We plan to use the formula, in which they have a formula in the CARES Act that we can show loss revenue for 2020 and 2021. He continued that we can show that we lost enough money to take the \$1.3m that we received; use that as lost income. We will put that money toward our Safety payroll. However, with that, we supplement that Safety payroll out of our General Fund, then we can transfer the CARES Act money over into the General Fund, which would pay for this.

Ms. Krejci asked if we would need to have someone at the Splash Pad once it is ready, to maintain; inquiring about liability. Mr. Jordan explained no, that splash pads have timers on them; along with buttons. Everything needs to be maintained as we invest in the park, however, there is no need to have someone at the Splash Pad.

Mr. Nickell asked about the size of the shade structures. Mr. Jordan had some dimensions he can send by e-mail. As discussion ensued, Mr. Jordan stated it would be bigger than 12 x 12 feet. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that the plan was to put this caddy-cornered to the tennis courts, so one will be able to see the kids whether they are at the splash pad or the playground. Mr. Nickell asked if the maintenance long term would then come out of the Recreation Fund; if something were to break. The Mayor concurred.

Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that the pavilion up on the hill has been knocked down, in which they already have the new pad board. They are waiting to get the new one up depending on weather. They have also started working on the bridge, which has been moved over. One could still get across however, they are putting in new foundations among other things. All of that has been started, and should all be done in the spring. That was the first piece.

Mr. Nickell felt this was good for the community, stating that people talk about recreation and like the YMCA, but complain about the price. He felt this was good that people can go to the splash pad. We are continuing to improve our park; moving things outdoors. He felt this was positive.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of January 4, 2022**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – December 2021

12/6/21 Mon.

Fixed stop sign on Washington Ave.

Patching throughout the City.

12/7/21 Tue.

Fixed guardrail at Edgerton and the Parkway.

Worked on the heat shields in the garage, we need to order more brackets to finish the job.

12/8/21 Wed.

Remove tree that fell in the road on Jupiter Dr.

Start washing and waxing the plow trucks.

12/9/21 Thur.

Patching throughout the City.

Sweep and wash the garage floor.

12/10/21 Fri.

Patching throughout the City.

12/13/21 Mon.

Patching throughout the City.

Work in the garage.

12/14/21 Tue.

Patching throughout the City.

Clean up tree branches that fell in the wind storm [throughout the City].

12/15/21 Wed.

Take a load of computers downtown for recycling.

Patching throughout the City.

12/16/21 Thur.

Patching throughout the City.

Clean up garage.

12/17/21 Fri.

Patching throughout the City.

Pick up unit 4 from the repair shop.

12/20/21 Mon. – 12/23/21 Thur.

We've been hit with Covid pretty bad. Down to two people on first shift, two people on third shift. We will clean up [spray & disinfect] lunch room, locker room and tables all week long.

12/27/21 Mon.

Continue covid spraying on second shift for the rest of the week.

12/28/21 Tue.

Salting roads.

12/29/21 Wed.

Patching throughout the city.

12/30/21 Thur.

Patching throughout the city.