

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

November 22, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Nic Levendusky
Jim Brey

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
Randy Junk

OTHERS

Lucas Waak
Morgan Albright
Allan Duvneck
Lisa Duvneck
George Krause

MEMBERS ABSENT

Approval of the Minutes from 11/08/10

A. Schema made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 08, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion regarding Realtor's Sign in Right-of-Way on Golet Drive

V. Mellon explained that the Realtor, George Krause, came to the City for approval of posting a For-Sale sign in the unimproved city right-of-way. The City granted the Realtor a 6 month placement of the sign. The time has expired and the lot did not sell. The owners of the adjacent property (Duvaneks) are claiming a negative affect by this sign and are requesting the sign be removed from this location and placed outside of the unimproved ROW, quite a way back from the view of Menasha Avenue and located at the edge of the actual property that is for sale. The Realtor is concerned about visibility but after removal of the brush, the sign will be more visible to the traffic. The Duvaneks claim the location of the sign is drawing attention to people thinking that their property is for sale resulting in numerous nuisance phone calls and people driving into their driveway.

J. Sladky agreed that it looks as if the wrong property is for sale. Lisa Duvanek said that she wants the sign moved.

A. Schema suggested using a sign with an arrow pointing to the property for sale.

J. Brey asked Lisa if she would be ok with the sign being placed along the property line if the brush was cleaned up. She didn't have a problem with that.

George Krause said they previously had a 4 x 8 foot billboard sign that disappeared. Replacement of this sign was costly, so they used a

smaller sign on a permanent post. He explained that the general public didn't know where the access point was to the land for sale. He said that by placing the sign next to the Duvanek's driveway, people knew where to access this property as her driveway is placed within the unimproved ROW. The sign also included the acreage for sale.

D. Soeldner said that he doesn't want to compromise the property not being sold; however, it does make it seem like the house is for sale as well as the land.

V. Mellon explained that normally we don't allow signs to be placed in the ROW, but due to the limited visibility of the property for sale that we did give them permission for a six month period. We don't get many requests like this and it seemed like a special case and we made sure the location didn't create a sight restriction for the driveway.

J. Sladky made a motion not to allow placement of the sign in the City Right-of-Way. N. Levendusky seconded the Motion.

J. Brey said that he feels this is a Sign Ordinance (Building Inspection) issue instead of Engineering.

Motion carried unanimously. No further discussion.

Discussion regarding S. 10th Street Pond Fencing

D. Soeldner received an e-mail from the Mayor regarding a constituent's concern about the pond becoming a safety concern. He looked at this site and felt because vegetation has not been established the slopes do look inviting as the sledding season approaches.

V. Mellon explained that prairie vegetation has been planted and signs will be posted soon. Once the signs are posted, the Police will be able to enforce this area. V. Mellon also envisioned thorn covered bushes to be planted to elude people from this area; however, as G. Minikel pointed out that once covered in snow, all plantings will be somewhat ineffective.

N. Levendusky said once we start fencing, we will have to continue with all the ponds. J. Brey said that this pond is different as it is in a residential neighborhood.

J. Sladky requested barricades be placed at the end of the streets (S. 11th and S. 12th Street) as he is concerned with a car driving through. This area dead ends and G. Minikel wants to be able to get through on S. 12th Street for maintenance of the pond.

Once we start fencing, it becomes a litter collection area. V. Mellon previously talked with the Directors of Public Works of Appleton and Green Bay. In Appleton, 12 years ago when the first ponds were built, there was a public outcry for fencing the ponds. This no longer exists. The one pond they did fence near the High School became a debris collector and the public recognizes that it almost looks silly to fence a pond near a High School where no one goes near it anyway.

G. Minikel said the S. 10th Street pond is very visible compared to other ponds. We have received calls from outside sources when kids were playing during the construction period. Further discussion ensued, but no formal action was taken.

Request for Approval of 3 Driveways at Linden & Holly Drive

G. Minikel explained to the Committee that Chris Brooks came to the Engineering Department requesting 3 driveways at the property at the corner of Linden & Holly Drive. They would like to convert the garage into a family room and would like to use driveway as a parking space and entrance as her husband doesn't walk well. There will be a 2 car garage to the north and a single garage off of Linden. This is a 25 mph speed limit zone with low traffic volume.

V. Mellon said the only thing we would be losing is one parking spot for each driveway location.

N. Levendusky wasn't in favor of the driveway to the family room. He felt the access should be removed. J. Sladky pointed out that this is the access into the family room and further discussed the need for dropping of the husband at this doorway.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the 3 driveway request. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

(Motion carried 1-nay; N. Levendusky) No further discussion.

J. Sladky made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. N. Levendusky seconded the motion.



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