

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 14, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Soeldner  
Jason Sladky  
Jim Brey  
Nic Levendusky

**STAFF PRESENT**

Valerie Mellon  
Greg Minikel  
Sonja Birr  
Mike Huck

**OTHERS**

Josh Stradal, 3329 Branch River  
David Korte, 2344 Hwy 42  
Mike Check, 9140 Hilltop Road

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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**Approval of the Minutes from 2/28/11**

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2011 meeting. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action regarding plowing and future maintenance of Plank Road**

V. Mellon reported the discussions that were held regarding the future of Plank Road and possible road closure. Dave Korte explained that it is in need of maintenance work and is a speed trap. Mr. Korte said he has contacted the Fire Dept and they do not use this road. The current owners would be notified when a decision is made.

V. Mellon said the City DPW currently plows Plank Road from N. Rapids Road to Homestead Rd. (CTH P) since there is nowhere for the plows to turn around. The Committee asked about future development of this area and V. Mellon explained that if this area would be developed, utilities and new road would need to go in. The Town of Rapids and City of Manitowoc would install wood posts and/or guardrail to block off the road from traffic, however enough room would be allowed for bikes to get through. For the winter months, the snow would get plowed and stockpiled at the end of the road.

It was noted that the Haupt Trust owns the land on both sides of Plank Road. Dave Korte stated that he would have discussions with the Haupt's regarding any access they need for farming equipment.

The Town of Rapids will need to put this item on their Town Board Agenda and won't be able to do anything until after April/May.

N. Levendusky made a motion for Engineering Dept to take necessary action to close off Plank Road. The City will work together with the Town of Rapids to coordinate the closing of this road. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action of proposed State Budget reform of phosphorous regulations for that Wisconsin is no more stringent than neighboring state and repeal of 40% TSS requirement to make no more stringent than Federal requirements**

V. Mellon informed and reminded the Committee of the DNR MS-4 stormwater discharge permit that the City is currently operating under. The revised rules of NR 151 were finally approved in December 2010 and it took almost two years for those revisions to be finalized. She said the 20 percent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) reduction by 2008 has not changed and we have already meet that goal; however, the 40 percent TSS reduction by 2013 now reads that we may be allowed to have an additional 10 years to comply with the 40% TSS reduction, but we need to submit an implementation plan to the DNR by September 30, 2012.

It takes some time to make changes, and she would like to move forward with submitting a plan to the DNR by the September 30, 2012 deadline.

V. Mellon stated that Governor Walker's proposed budget repair bill is looking to make changes to the Stormwater mandates. His bill is intended to make the State's stormwater standard no more stringent than the federal law. However, the federal laws state "to the maximum extent practicable (MEP)". There has always been an issue with defining what MEP exactly means for each community.

The Federal Law mentions several ways of developing a "Maximum extent possible", but V. Mellon is unsure of the meaning of this. We have no way of knowing exactly what the State or Federal Governments will require under this scenario.

Mike Check explained that the new secretary of the DNR was appointed by Governor Walker and he will call her to find out some answers as to what defines the "maximum extend practicable".

D. Soeldner said that we might just need to wait and see what happens with the State budget.

**Discussion and possible action of proposed Lakeside Blvd. Bluff Erosion Project**

V. Mellon reported to the committee on what has been done thus far with the Lakeside Blvd. bluff erosion concern. To date, brush has been cleared to take updated cross section shots of the bluff in five locations. This information will be provided to Foth to prepare the grant application for the GLRI. Grant funding is still available and the project must be designed and ready to go for the April 11<sup>th</sup> grant deadline.

The City will be receiving a \$15,000 grant from WI Coastal Management Fund to pay for the work that Foth will be performing.

V. Mellon explained that this was informational only, but the official FOTH agreement and the grant funding documents will need to be approved at the next Council Meeting, so that FOTH can submit the GLRI grant by the April 11<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Discussion and possible action on parking issues near South 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Ave. (St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church area)**

J. Brey reported that he has spoken with Collin Braunel about complaints he has received from the district he is currently campaigning for. The parking around St. Francis of Assisi on S. 14<sup>th</sup> and Grand Ave. is bad. Cars are parking in front of driveways and streets are narrow and can't cross at crosswalks.

G. Minikel agreed that this is a bad area during Church service times, but also stated that many other churches have similar parking issues. There is a parking lot in the back, but that seems to fill up quickly.

It was noted that issues like parking over a crosswalk and parking too close to a driveway are really police department enforcement issues.

J. Brey will contact Mr. Braunel and find out what he wants to do. The issue might need to be brought to the Public Property and Safety Committee and/or Safety, Traffic and Parking Commission.

**Special Events Request (11-114) from Heavy Pedal Velo Club to hold bike race on August 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on route detailed therein**

D. Soeldner brought this to the Committee and wants to be sure there isn't a problem with this being held within the Industrial Park area. V. Mellon said there is a gas main project taking place this summer on W. Custer Street and she informed WPS to communicate their project and its completion date with the Organization holding the race. The areas to be part of the event are W. Custer Street, Vits Drive, South 59<sup>th</sup> Street, and South 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The Committee unanimously approved the request subject to the City policy.

**Communication (10-064) from SMI requesting that Streets and Sanitation Committee take action on various issues relating to storm water pond maintenance costs**

Mike Check previously distributed a letter from a Land Use Attorney who has analyzed the City's Stormwater Pond Maintenance Agreements

from various developments. In some of these agreements he found some flaws.

The Committee will need some time to discuss and would like the City Attorney present at the next Streets Meeting. They would like Juliana's opinion regarding the letter from the Attorney and the draft agreement.

Mike Check explained that the Builder's Association would like an agreement at the lowest cost possible.

*The Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.*

Handwritten signature of Valerie Mellon, P.E. in cursive script, underlined.

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