

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*June 14, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Matt Kadow
Jim Brey
Allan Schema

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

Ald. Alex Olson
Michael Schwarz
Bill Eisch
Barb Barber
Kelley Reis
Jeffery Beyer
Michael Check
Joseph Pozorski
Michael Pozorski
Steven Bertsche
Nancy Bertsche
Teresa Schmetzle
Jim Schmetzle
Dave Boehm
Debbie Belland

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 5/24/10

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Dumping of Yard Waste & Parking on Unnamed Street between Remiker and Elmer Lane

V. Mellon explained to the Committee the complaint the City received regarding parking on unimproved right-of-way. The City Attorney responded to the request previously submitted from another streets meeting asking her to look at parking in unimproved right-of-way as a result of the complaint. The City Attorney's conclusion was it should be treated the same as improved right-of-way and no parking or dumping should be allowed.

The Committee didn't have a problem with a few plantings as long as the property owner was willing to sign an agreement that when the road goes through, the City will not be held liable for replacement cost or any form of compensation for anything that was placed within the City right-of-way.

Currently, Dean Schultz has a Right of Way Use permit with the City to allow him access while building the berm that was required for him to

build as a condition of a cup by the town. The residents of Remiker complained about the appearance of the berm and believe he is taking material from the right of way. Mr. Dave Boehm spoke and complained about Premier Lawncare trucks being parked in the unimproved right-of-way for the past 3 weeks. He insisted the Police Department ticket these vehicles.

Mr. Greg Minikel presented pictures that were taken by the City Engineering Department shortly after we received the complaint. These photos specifically show vehicles and trailers and plantings that were placed in the City ROW. The pictures included Mr. Dave Boehm's, 5123 Remiker Lane, vehicle and trailer parked in the right-of-way. He said that this parking restriction not only applies to Dean Schultz, it applies to everyone. The exception is Dean Schultz's permit which allows construction vehicle access until completion of the berm in August.

The Committee recommends enforcing the current Ordinance and placing "No Parking" signs to hopefully rectify this situation. Once property owners are notified, the Police will be allowed to ticket any violators.

Speed Limit Concerns for Corner of Albert Drive & Geri Ln (Not on Agenda)

D. Soeldner brought this issue to the Committee due to a complaint and safety concerns. He feels a sign needs to be placed for the safety of this blind intersection located at Albert Dr. & Geri Ln. This intersection is located on a hill and currently no speed limit sign is in place. This is an open area that gives a false sense of speed. D. Soeldner's recommendation is for a sign that would provide the safest coverage.

Kelly Reis, 1902 Geri Lane, was present. She complained that many of the contractors and sub-contractors that are working on developing lots are driving too fast in the area. She is concerned because there are approximately 30 children in the neighborhood and fears someone will be hurt, it's just a matter of time. She is requesting a "Slow Children at Play" and a speed limit sign be posted.

V. Mellon explained that a stop sign would not be recommended on Albert Drive at this intersection and would be unexpected and often violated as there isn't one along Albert for many blocks. D. Soeldner explained that a Stop sign will not be considered at this time. G. Minikel said that any speed limit issues should be brought to the STP Committee. This is a main arterial street that he doesn't believe lowering the speed limit will do much good as it is such an open area that no matter what it ends up being, people are going to drive faster because it is an open area.

D. Soeldner requested posting of a speed limit sign in this area be brought through Public Property & Safety because STP doesn't meet again until September. R. Junk suggested an Intersection Ahead sign to alert traffic of the upcoming intersection.

D. Soeldner will inform Kelly Reis when it will be brought to the Public Property & Safety Committee.

Alderman Olson Safety Concerns for Various Northside Locations (Not on Agenda)

Ald. Alex Olson was present to discuss safety concerns for the northside areas listed below.

Wisconsin Avenue (N. 11th - N. 18th Street) - He recommends stop signs at the uncontrolled intersections. G. Minikel explained that we have quite a few controlled intersections throughout the City. However, since G. Minikel said that putting up stop signs is not always the answer, because often it results in higher speeds on the thru-traffic street. However, in this case since N. 17th and N. 16th Streets already have Yield signs along Wisconsin Avenue; he recommends Stop signs along this segment to keep it consistent.

The Committee recommends bringing the issue to Public Property & Safety.

New York Ave/N. 18th Street - Bus route is currently on the northside of the street and cars are parking right up to the intersection and that there are people currently parking in violation of the crosswalk. V. Mellon explained that the bus stop will be changed to the southside of the street. D. Soeldner recommends leaving until the bus route changes.

N. 21st Street/Rankin Street - Constituent requests eliminating or moving parking spots near the ball diamond to improve the visibility of traffic in the intersection.

Maritime & N. 8th Street - There are two lanes currently going straight on Maritime Drive (through intersection of N. 8th Street) G. Minikel explained that this was discussed when the previous City Engineer was with the City. J. Brey suggested re-visiting.

J. Brey recommended Alex send a letter addressed to Jim Brey to bring these issues through appropriate Committees.

Sanitary Sewer Connection at South 39th & Dewey Street

G. Minikel introduced Mike Schwarz, Schwarz Management. This was previously discussed and Schwartz Management is recommending an inside drop, which Engineering is not in favor of.

South 39th Street will be extended in the future and Mike Schwartz questioned why we would want to dig into the street twice. His proposal was an inside drop to save both time and money.

V. Mellon explained that an inside drop would only be allowed temporarily as the City is not in favor of allowing this because they are a maintenance problem. The pipe takes up usable space needed for maintenance access and over time the brackets become corroded and break during flushing and cleanout operations and the pipe is flopping around and in the way. We could allow for a very limited amount of time and work out an agreement with the developer to allow the street to go in and permanent sanitary connection to be made within 3-5 years.

V. Mellon explained that if the street was being built, we would not be assessing the first 150 feet. She can understand why the contractor does not want to pay for the lateral to be stubbed out and is requesting the City to pay as MPU is for the watermain extension.

J. Sladky said he needs to abstain from discussions regarding this matter.

J. Brey questioned how much the extension will cost. V. Mellon explained approximately \$15,000 to stub out 50' of pipe and pavement restoration. G. Minikel explained that we could use the Sanitary Sewer Budget line to cover this cost.

J. Brey made a motion to allow the S. 39th Street sewer extension route at the cost of the City and to take out of the Sanitary Sewer budget. M. Kadow seconded the motion.

Motion carried, no further discussion.

Waste Management Request for Single Stream Waste/Recycling Collection

V. Mellon explained to the Committee that Waste Management approached Jeff Beyer, Manitowoc County, to allow single stream recycling. Waste Management will collect and bring elsewhere to separate recyclables. The same amount of tonnage of recyclables will be brought to the County.

Jeff Beyer, Manitowoc County, was present. Bill Eisch, Waste Management, was present and explained this will eliminate the need for one truck. The waste will be sorted for recycling at a separate plant. Recycling by the property owner will remain the same.

Joe and Mike Pozorski were also present and said they had no objections to Waste Management's request.

Jeff Beyer said that an Ordinance change will need to be made to accommodate this single stream recycling. The County has already done their part. The City Engineer will send a draft to the City Attorney for approval.

J. Sladky made a motion to recommend an Ordinance change with approval from City Attorney. A. Schema seconded the Motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

2011 Proposed Capital Projects Rating

The Committee discussed forwarding all proposed projects to the Mayor for approval.

J. Sladky made a motion to forward all proposed Capital projects to the Mayor. J. Brey seconded the motion.

Discussion was held leading to the determination that the approval of the projects should be the rights of the Streets Committee.

D. Soeldner said he received a call from a business on Enterprise Ct. that is in favor of paving the street.

J. Sladky rescinded his motion.

The Committee requested the Engineering Department receive a "ball park" figure from the Mayor as to Capital projects. The Committee will discuss from there.

1143 South Alverno Road - Steep Ditch

R. Junk was present and the amount he came up with to reestablish the ditch with weed barrier cloth and 8" rip rap was \$2500.

J. Sladky said we did not create this problem and is not in favor of the City paying the entire cost.

M. Kadow made a motion to request the property owners pay ½ of the cost of the project. A. Schema seconded the motion.

J. Brey recommended allowing it to be assessable on the 5 year plan. Engineering is to contact the property owners (Ahl's) and inform them of their cost responsibility and of the availability of the 5-year plan for payment.

No further discussion, all in favor.

South 41st Street New Sidewalk

The Committee discussed the options for sidewalk between Custer Street and Harbor Town on S. 41st Street. D. Soeldner explained that he has been contacted by a few constituents and because this has been discussed in the past, wondered if there has been a change of heart.

Al Schema recommended a white strip to allow pedestrians to walk. V. Mellon said that a strip does not provide the same separation of peds from vehicular traffic and does not provide any protection that a sidewalk does. If sidewalk is not wanted, she is not in favor of painting a white line.

No action from the Committee at this time.

Update on Safe Routes to School - DOT Funding Submittal

V. Mellon explained that the application for DOT funding for the pick/up route is due by July 9th. She is looking for direction from the Committee.

Discussion was held with the Committee regarding not allowing access off of N. 17th Street where it is currently a cul-de-sac.

The Committee approved for Val to move ahead with pursuing funding. Discussions can be held at a later time to discuss parking and other restrictions on N. 17th Street.

Detention Pond Maintenance Costs

Mike Check was present to discuss the detention pond maintenance costs. He checked with City of Sheboygan, and their storm water utility no longer exists. The City takes control once plat is approved and the ponds are taken over by the City. Sheboygan charges no additional fee.

Many communities surrounding Madison are taking ownership of these ponds. (Information is attached)

General Conditions to Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction

Tabled until next meeting.

Possible Reconfiguration of Intersection at Maritime Drive & Buffalo Street

Tabled until next meeting.

Beaupre Court

Tabled until next meeting.

Lincoln Park Sidewalk

Tabled until next meeting.

*D. Soeldner made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
M. Kadow seconded the motion.*



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