

Village of Richfield Streets and Highways Committee

Meeting minutes – February 24, 2023

In attendance – Ms. Phillipbar, Dr. Boester, Mr. Waldemarson, Mr. Kesarich, Mr. Frantz, Mr. Waszak, and Glencairn Forest resident Mr. Brad Lakhia.

Chairman Waszak opened the meeting @ 10:03 a.m. Mr. Lakhia indicated that he was there because of the agenda topic ODOT Interstate 77 widening project.

Dr. Boester moved to place the Interstate 77 widening project to the first item on the agenda, seconded by Ms. Phillipbar, motioned carried.

Mr. Waldemarson gave a description of the project and indicated that plans were complete and ready to go out for bids.

Mr. Lakhia explained that there were three homeowner associations - one representing the condominiums on the west side of Glencairn Forest, one the single family homeowners, and one for the Woods. He indicated that the association had met with ODOT officials and were advised that storm water management and sound were addressed in the plans.

There was general discussion on the effectiveness of sound barriers and the fact that they are unattractive, especially as they age. Mr. Frantz suggested that perhaps mounds planted with trees were more attractive and effective.

The committee moved to review the 2023 paving projects. ODOT will be paving SR176 and SR303; Summit County will replace Everett and Revere Roads.

Village Streets to be paved this year are Grant, Maple Drive, and Congress Parkway East with alternates Gianni away, Townsend, and Brushwood. There was discussion on improving the trail connecting Richfield Woods to Ridgeview Drive, this was listed as an alternate.

Mr. Waldemarson recommended traditional asphalt instead of the recycled repaving that was utilized on some village streets last year. He indicated that cracks were appearing on portions of the surface and that the contractor would be making repairs.

Ms. Phillipbar motioned that Mr. Waldemarson communicate with Village Engineer Mr. Neubauer and Law Director Chojnacki to prepare the appropriate

documents to go out for bid – hopefully legislation would be complete for the March 8th council meeting.

It was noted that Summit County was planning to chip and seal Everett Road. The consensus was that given the amount of traffic on Everett that repaving was preferred, and that Mr. Waldemarson communicate this with the County.

The committee moved to the next agenda item – review Broadview/West Streetsboro Roads intersection plans. Mr. Waszak stated engineering plans were done by Finkbeiner in the mid 1990s; however, those plans were completed prior to the acquisition of several buildings at or near the southeast corner.

Mr. Frantz indicated that GPD has been authorized to develop plans for the intersection which would include curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and turn lanes. When implemented the intersection would be more attractive, improve storm sewers, and define separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The next agenda item was discussion of adding an additional lane on Brecksville Road south of Wheatley to Highlander Parkway. All agreed that this issue will need to be studied further.

Motion by Dr. Boester to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

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