

Village of Richfield, Ohio
Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
11/30/2021

Members present: Ralph Waszak, Gary Domanick and Bobbie Beshara(Chair)

Guests: Councilmember Sue Ann Philippbar and P and Z Director, Brian Frantz

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by chair Bobbie Beshara.

Dark Sky Initiative: Brian Frantz discussed with the committee that under section 1181 (Historic Overlay District), that we currently have a dark sky reference. Ralph Waszak stated that there are only 13-14 official dark sky cities worldwide. It is quite a process but a worthy initiative for communities to strive to adopt. We have adopted dark sky in the center of town parking lot. More discussion ensued regarding that the Village needs to address our lighting on all our properties and in particular, Village Hall complex. We will ask the mayor to work on converting our lights/lighting fixtures to meet dark sky and Brian Frantz will bring in a lighting expert from GPD to assist. The committee also went on to discuss a sunset clause throughout the community to encourage dark sky, but who would enforce and manage this initiative? Ralph thinks we need to get this started as we have a "light" dark sky reference in our code. Brian suggested that under 1181 we add a supplemental section for dark sky including cut sheets. Gary Domanick suggested we include a mission statement covering dark sky and educating the public. Brian Frantz also will look at our Crossroads District Plan in regards to dark sky and we all agreed that we, the Village, must set the example.

Center of Town enhancements: After much discussion, the following motions were made:

Ralph Waszak made a motion to redirect a portion of 2022 infrastructure dollars for the implementation of Option #2 of the GPD 176/303 study to be completed in 2022. Gary Domanick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Waszak made a motion to direct Brian Frantz to bring to Council options of a four-way clock tower for the center of town green, including hardscape, for the SE quadrant of 176/303 and to appropriate TIF funds for this project to be completed in 2022. Gary Domanick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Crosswalk discussion: We discussed solar powered crosswalk options at the Serdinak/Parker Trail and at Humphrey/303. Brian Frantz will ask Kevin Westbrook of GPD to look into this option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Beshara