

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on January 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Basso, and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore. Alderman Clifford was absent.

Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- 2019 MFT Resolution
 - We need to adopt the 2019 MFT expenditure resolution in the amount of \$325,000 that will be divided up between the Road Program and salt deliveries. Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the MFT Resolution for the expenditure of \$325,000 as stated, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
- 2019 Roads and Construction Budget
 - The budget is just about done. Scott would like to review it with the Chairman when ready. The expenditure for the Road Program will be around \$450,000.
- Ridgeland Corridor Improvements
 - We ended up with a couple of problems with driveway slopes.
 - Aurimas met with an engineer from IDOT. The engineer tried to drive her own car. She asked for the cost estimate to redo the driveways and put them back to the way they were. She is taking that back to her boss.
 - In the future we would request slopes be met, when repaving.
- Grant Application for Creek bank stabilization
 - There are some grant opportunities out there for stream bank stabilization. The one part that the City owns that is starting to deteriorate is the center portion of Menominee Parkway.
 - Most if not all of these stream bank grant opportunities are looking to put in native plant species as long with some other non-turf grass options.
 - It has always been maintained as if it's a regular parkway, but it's really not. So Scott would like to explore a couple of these grants to see if we can get any. Discussion ensued.
- Snow reports
 - We have not been out. If winter continues this way, we may be looking for some place to store our salt.

- Old Oak/PBO Sidewalk Project
 - We are stuck once again. Scott would like to ask the mayor to write a formal letter to IDOT to see what is the hold up on the permit review.
- Subdivision Signs on City Right-of-Way
 - A couple of the subdivisions have some signs on the right-of-way that were never entered into a formal agreement with the City.
 - Scott spoke with Tom Brown and we need some formal agreements, which would include surveys, some legal work and the possibility of the subdivision carrying liability insurance.
 - Chairman Kramarski mentioned that if the City absorbed the costs it could be very costly. Alderman Key mentioned if the City doesn't have a record, how did they approval to build them in the first place.
 - The signage at Route 83 and Oak Park for Navajo has been removed by IDOT. Alderman Key believes the sign should be replaced. Discussion ensued.
 - Dan Nisavic will ask Tom Brown if it's possible to survey only 131st and Harlem.

Engineer's Report: Aurimas Spucys, Morris Engineering

- No Report

Alderman Comments

Chairman Kramarski asked Scott when the removal of stop signs will begin. Scott mentioned that he and Bob Murphy are working on starting at the northeast portion on 123rd from Oak Park to Harlem. Scott will put up flags after removal to give people an indication of change.

Alderman Key asked about a sidewalk on Ridgeland, north of Route83 by the car wash. Scott mentioned the sidewalk is on the Westside of that corner for access to the trail.

Alderman Key is wondering what is happening with the Navajo sign. Scott is looking to address that in the spring. According to Aurimas, IDOT rules state that if utilities were in before IDOT took over the road, IDOT would rebuild. But, because Rouet83 was a state road before the city most likely, that's why they are saying they are not going to do any utilities for us.

Alderman Key is wondering if Navajo is a legal association with bi-laws and insurance. Because if there is no legal anything, then the agreement should be between IDOT and the City. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Kramarski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary