

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on March 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Key, Alderman Basso and Alderman Clifford. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore.

### Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor and motion carried.

### Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- Lake Arrowhead Update
  - According to Scott we are currently in a stall. They still think they are going to bid it in 2018 and supposedly start on construction. They will have to get moving really quick by the time they get all the contracts in place.
  - We are waiting on the Intergovernmental Agreement to come back from the Forest Preserve District through the Sanitary District and then to the City.
  - The good news is that MWRD filed all the paperwork with FEMA to do the map revision after the project is done. FEMA did acknowledge that they received it, so there should be some relief for the people that are living in the Palos Meadows area after construction and after FEMA adopts the map revisions.
- Lake Katherine Parking Lot Expansion
  - We are also in a stand still on this. We do have to go solicit a couple of engineering firms to turn in some qualifications to enter into helping us with that project and then evaluate them. Then we will have to do an award to an engineering firm.
  - This is a new process because of the federal regulations put on IDOT for any money they appropriate and pass down to us.
- 2017 Road Paving Contract
  - We just have a punch list outstanding. It's not the weather to be addressing the punch list, but Scott doesn't believe it will be large. We will wait for the plants to open and the crews go back to work to know for sure.
- IDOT – Route 83 Project
  - Scott mentioned they put the project in a stand still last fall, because they were trying to do some coordination with Spectrum. So hopefully the work is only done once. The meeting that was scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> has been pushed to March 30<sup>th</sup>. We should be fine with Gallagher doing the work.
- MFT Road Program 2018
  - Scott has a map that has the proposed locations for the improvements and there is also an excel spreadsheet. This year we are going to put a couple of optional streets

in there in case the pricing comes back under anticipated. Then we would be able pick those streets up and still remain within budget.

- Last year we had some difficulty with that with IDOT. Morris checked with IDOT on some rules and we can proceed with this option and it gives us the freedom to delete them or if the prices are good we can include them.
- Scott would like to submit it to IDOT and go out for bid. Chairman Kramarski moved to authorize the Public Works Director to go out for bid for the 2018 Road Program, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**

- Sidewalk Projects

- The sidewalks are in the bid package, but could be deleted. The two areas are Route 83 from the PBO entrance way to Old Oak Trail and a segment at 126<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Court, heading in to St. Alexander.
- Chairman Kramarski asked if the sidewalk on Route 83 going to Old Oak Trail was included in the RTA plan. According to Scott, it was not because there needed to be a destination, so the sidewalk only got us to the ballfield. .

**Engineer's Report:** - Aurimas Spucys- Morris Engineering

- Ridgeland Ave. Corridor Improvements

- We have a preconstruction meeting setup with IDOT and Davis Concrete on March 19<sup>th</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the official start date but it could start earlier depending on weather.

- Oak Hills Drainage Improvements

- The plan has been approved by Morris and the City, have been signed and was submitted back to the Oak Hills engineer. The next thing we will have is notification if MWRD approved it, they will be starting the improvements.

**Alderman Comments**

Alderman Clifford asked Aurimas if he looked into the creek issue on Route 83. According to Aurimas this is all association and the City would not be able to fix it.

Alderman Clifford also asked about the guy on 125<sup>th</sup> with the erosion. According to Scott this is also private property. The Sanitary District was out last summer to see if they could help. This is a tough situation and they had no option open to us. That creek moves around the banks all the time. Trinity had made a map revision when they moved the creek a little to gain room for their dorms.

Alderman Clifford is wondering if anything is moving along with the parking lot at Lake Katherine. According to Scott we have the MWRD grant, but we don't have the dollar amount. Alderman Clifford also wants to know if there is any consideration on the bike path issues. Scott mentioned that is up to the City Council to discuss that option. The preliminary engineering shows it could be moved.

Alderman Clifford is also questioning the coordination of Route 83 and Spectrum project. Have they decided to start at Oak Park and go east to Central and then come back and do Oak Park over to Harlem? Scott said they are having a coordination meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> and then we will know.

Alderman Key brought up a roads revenue source that might be taken away. Do we need to address that at this committee? Dan mentioned the sticker fund has been dedicated to roads. To make a change this will definitely need to go to City Council. Chairman Kramarski doesn't like how we would explain this to residents. If you take it away, it would be very hard to bring it back.

**Morris Engineering Invoices**

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$12,368.60, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor and motion carried. (**Voucher List**)

**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 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary