

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on October 9, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Basso, Alderman Clifford and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Residents and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore.

Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting. Alderman Basso mentioned there needs to be a correction to the minutes about the sidewalks not being mandated. It was worded as follows: "Scott can't say they are mandated, but more like they are recommended to enhance the non-motorized transportation". Scott Smith clarified that the sidewalks are not mandated.

Chairman Kramarski moved to have the portion of the minutes that Alderman Basso noted corrected, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- 2018 MFT Road Program
 - Asphalt contractor is complete and the landscaper has been in town. We will be holding the retainage in case anything comes up on the punch list.
- 2018 Supplemental Road Program
 - We have marked out preliminary, some of the limits. According to Scott we are set to get a start date commitment shortly. We will get that completed before the snow starts.
- Engineering Agreement with MEI
 - According to Scott this is for the 76th Street project. We are taking federal money on that, so we need to award an engineering agreement. The recommendation is to go with MEI.
 - Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the engineering agreement with Morris Engineering for the project on 76th Avenue from 131st to 135th, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor and motion carried. AGENDA
- Engineering Agreement with Christopher Burke
 - Scott Smith mentioned this is to enter into an engineering agreement with Christopher Burke for the Lake Katherine parking lot expansion and pathway project.
 - Chairman Kramarski moved to approve an engineering agreement with Christopher Burke for the Lake Katherine parking lot expansion project, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried. AGENDA

- Sidewalk Project Rt. 83 – Old Oak to PBO lot
 - Scott mentioned that we are stalled with the permit from IDOT. There has been no explanation or reasoning on what may be deficient on our submission.
 - We are still hoping to get the project completed this fall. The problem will be that some of the landscaping will have to wait until the spring.
 - Chairman Kramarski suggested that maybe our City Administrator could contact one of our representatives. Dan mentioned that he has looked them up and has talked to the mayor about him making the call.
- Ridgeland Corridor Improvements
 - According to Scott, this has been moving along really well, but the weather may now slow down the asphalt guy. 80% of the concrete work is done and we have to wait on the blacktop and landscaper. The finished landscape down the medians will probably not be addressed until spring 2019. IDOT has very particular rules on planting seasons for trees and shrubs. Discussion ensued.
- Street Sweeper Purchase thru SPC
 - Scott Smith is looking to purchase a street sweeper through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. It is an Elgin Pelican which would replace our 1997 street sweeper that is currently in the shop. The total price is \$226,270.00.
 - We won't take delivery until next year and it will come out of the 2019 budget. We just have to get into the arrangement so we get ourselves a slot on the production schedule.
 - Chairman Kramarski moved to authorize the public works director to enter into a purchase agreement for a new street sweeper, pending next year budget approval, in a cost not to exceed \$226,270.00, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor & motion carried. AGENDA
 - Alderman Basso questioned if we are going to have two street sweepers. Scott replied that we will have only one. The old sweeper will probably go to a municipal auction.
- Install Stop Sign @ 117th & Southwest Highway Bike Path
 - There have been some concerns between Fuller's and the condo association where the bike path has to go on the street for a short stretch.
 - We are looking to put a stop sign on the bike path before going out on the street.
 - According to Chairman Kramarski, she spoke with Chief Yott and there is no ordinance required because the sign is not actually on the street, it is on the bike path. Discussion ensued.
 - Chairman Kramarski made a motion to approve the bike path stop sign at 117th & Southwest Highway, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**

Engineer's Report: Aurimas Spucys, Morris Engineering

- RTA Sidewalks
 - The reimbursement papers are prepared for the RTA, however we don't have the completion letter from IDOT. RTA will extend the IGA agreement for 1 more year just in case IDOT doesn't come through in the last 2 months.
 - Chairman Kramarski move to authorize the mayor to sign off on the RTA intergovernmental agreement extension, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Clifford asked if there are any updates on the Lake Katherine parking lot or Lak Arrowhead. Scott said we now have an engineer on board that we can start kicking out some ideas and coordinate with the Sanitary District on the project. Alderman Clifford then asked when they are going to start construction. Scott said it will more realistic with 2020 for Lake Katherine.

Alderman Clifford then asked about 131st Street. Scott said the contractor wants to get his license and bond with the City. He is going to do some preliminary work this fall, with completion in 2019 on Lake Arrowhead.

Resident Comments

Ms. Kathy Lachowicz (7040 Edgewood Rd) – The brick pillar at 131st & Harlem Avenue was knocked down many years ago by a car accident and never replaced. Kathy would like to put the pillar back up with no electricity, located on the right of way. She is asking for permission to go ahead with this project. The resident who lives on the corner is not happy with the pillar going back up. There has been no documentation found on the approvals of the pillars from 1976.

Dan Nisavic mentioned that at some point in our history these pillars were approved by someone, but we don't have a record of that. So we might want to get something on the record. Dan would like to consult with the city attorney before we go any further. Discussion ensued.

Mr. & Mrs. Tortorici (7000 W 130th St) attended the meeting to get an update on Lake Arrowhead. Scott will give any information to Kathy Lachowicz and she can include it in her homeowners email blast.

Mr. Brian Bohne (12223 S Richard Ave) is just wondering about the drainage on the roads and if it drains through private property. Scott said there still is existing water paths through the older sections of town and even some of the newer developments that actually cut through, over land or thru pipe.

Mr. Bohne was wondering if there is a map. According to Scott, the original part of town is not mapped.

The problem Mr. Bohne is having is that water drains from both end of the block to the front of his house. Scott mentioned that the 2 newer houses that are obstructing the drainage path have been put on notice that they need to conform to what they submitted to the city. That will open the ditch line the way it was designed when the houses were built. Discussion ensued.

Morris Engineering Invoices

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$47,786.90, 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 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary