

Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Parham, Vice- Chairman called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Tim Kaufmann, Kathleen Riordan, Randy Parham, and Clint Williams

Also present:

Patrick Hensley, Councilman; Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; and Ashley Quinn, Public Works Specialist

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously upon motion by Mr. Kaufmann and second by Mr. Williams

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes of the May 31, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Kaufmann and second by Mr. Williams.

Public Forum

Keri Robertson, 13 Foxboro, was present with questions regarding the flooding that took place in her neighborhood as well as impacts to the neighborhood from MSD's Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer project. MSD has closed the hole in the street in front of 16 Foxboro but people are still not moving back in for fear of flooding again. The street still had a lot of mud. Ms. Lamitola stated that the City has submitted the buyout applications to FEMA, but FEMA is taking a long time with their review process. The City had submitted all necessary documentation, three for the HMGP program and the other six properties for the FMA program. We have had no response from them at this time but were hopeful we would hear from them soon. The project manager for these efforts is Amanda Griffin, Storm Water Engineer.

Update of Current Public Works Projects, Initiatives

Trail/Open Space

The City is under contract with Ideal Landscaping for the Deer Creek Preserve project, however the City is waiting for MSD to complete their work on-site associated with the Deer Creek Sanitary Sewer project. The pedestrian bridge has been ordered for the DCP and initial trail grading and other work should start at the end of August.

Storm Water

The Deerfield/Wakefield Storm Water project has been placed on hold. The City was unable to get all necessary easements for the project to move forward. City staff are planning for an update to the Storm Water Master Plan. This would require an update to the ordinance and would be on the agenda for the September Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting. Updates include how we score projects and ways to incentivize projects requiring fewer easements. The City is reviewing whether payment for easements for storm water projects would be beneficial in increasing project implementation. The City pays for easements for Federal projects and all other projects located along the right-of-way.

Sidewalk/Walkability

The sidewalk plan for Dielman Rd. has received approval from MoDOT and has been sent to the Federal

Highway Association to request obligation for federal funds. That process can take three weeks. The project would most likely not start until 2024.

With regard to the Clayton Road ADA sidewalk improvements, the segment from McKnight to Lay Rd is being designed and then the City would need to obtain easements for this portion.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

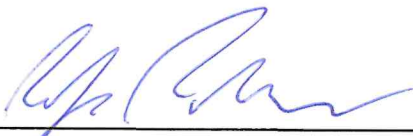
Ms. Lamitola updated the Committee on the area under the Highway 64/40 overpass on Clayton Rd. Any beautification would need to be privately funded and maintained. There could be a public/private partnership but that would need to be organized privately. Ms. Riordan stated that she would be happy to work with Beautify Ladue to reach out to community partners for ideas and support.

Larry Johnson has retired from the Parks Department and served as Laborer Crew Leader. Henry Wayne has been promoted to that position. A new Public Works Laborer was hired to backfill the opening in the Department; Sean Shoults. Mark Koester, storm water engineer, retired and was replaced by Denny Welker.

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned unanimously upon motion by Mr. Kaufmann and second by Mr. Williams at 9:14 a.m.

Sincerely,



Randy Parham, Vice-Chairman