

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 13, 2023

This Service Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 8:04 p.m. p.m. by Julie Field, Chairman.

PRESENT: Justin Ring, Mike Lampa, Jon Hannan, Anthony Lombardo, Jennifer Wagner, Julie Field

ABSENT: Steve Michniak

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Rob Reinholz, Fire Chief
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Matt Coffman, IT Network Administrator
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. MICHNIAK.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Disposition of Minutes

None.

Old Business

Discuss Update to "Welcome to Streetsboro" Signs

Mr. Mytinger said he had received an email from Mr. Hannan after the February Service Committee meeting regarding honoring past student athlete State champions and State Champion teams, so he reached out to the Streetsboro City School's Athletic Director, Randy Tevepaugh, and received some information. Mr. Mytinger provided a sample of a mockup of an example sign option that could be done with the estimated cost [see attached]. The location of such a sign had not been determined. It could go near the existing "Welcome to Streetsboro" signs at each main entrance to town, or it could be placed near the high school building, or it could go elsewhere. It would not replace the existing "Welcome" signs.

Mr. Hannan agreed the location for this recognition sign had not been determined. He had initially thought about adding a smaller metal placard to the existing “Welcome” signs but other Council Members suggested a separate sign so the names could be larger and more legible while driving by. Mr. Hannan thought the sign sample provided by Mr. Mytinger might be best located near the high school as people enter the City from Ravenna.

There was some more discussion on a location for such a sign and if it would be in addition to or in place of the existing “Welcome” signs and if it needed to be at multiple locations or just one or two. Mr. Ring commented that if it was not the “Welcome to Streetsboro” sign, then the City would be essentially buying a sign for the Schools. There was discussion if the sign should state the athletic conference the school district competitions were in because it would be an additional cost to change the sign if the conference changed, which was expected to happen. There was further discussion on the formatting of the proposed sign sample.

Mr. Ring suggested the administration work on the design of the sign, but he and the Mayor seemed to prefer a location on SR 14 near the entrance to the City from Ravenna. Council seemed supportive of doing a sign and asked the administration to bring it back to a Council meeting when they had finalized the design and price.

New Business

T-7402 Go to Bid for Annual Road Paving

Mr. Czekaj asked for authorization to go to bid. There were roads in the Stonegate development that sorely needed to be paved. There were two alternates that could be included if the base bid price was favorable, but other communities had found that bids were a little higher than expected this year. Mrs. Field said the roads in Stonegate had been in need for several years and were almost paved last year, but were postponed until this year. Mr. Czekaj noted that it was easier and more cost effective to group paving projects into one area.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT’S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Discuss Love Locks Program/Location

Mr. Ring said he had mentioned this program at the last meeting because there was a resident interested in starting this program in Streetsboro. Debbie Yorke, 2042 Summers Avenue, explained that love locks started in WWI when people put locks on bridges when their loved one was going off to war. She said this was personal to her because she had ordered a personalized lock to memorialize her son who had passed away, but the nearest location for such a memorial was about 4.5 hours away in Manchester, Ohio, so she thought there should be a memorial location for parents to remember the children they had lost (for any reason) here in Streetsboro.

Mayor Broska thought there could be a chain link fence installed in Evergreen Cemetery. Ms. Yorke suggested a location near the new Recreation Center that might be more visible because some of these children that have passed away were lost for self-inflicted reasons and it would be

good for the young people to see the memorial. The Love Locks Program she was proposing was for parents that had lost a child (not veterans); some of the loses were due to suicides, overdoses, etc. The program would be for parents to have a place to show support for their lost child, and a place for parents in similar situations to engage with other families for support, and a place to create awareness for the community of the situation.

There was some conversation about the size of a fence and a location that might be appropriate. The fence wouldn't necessarily enclose a space, but both sides would be accessible. Ms. Yoroko said it should have a plaque or sign explaining what the location was for. It should be a visible location in City Park maybe near the Community Center, but still in a quiet, contemplative area with benches for people to sit and converse with others about their lost children. It was determined Ms. Yoroko would work with Mr. Mytinger and Mr. O'Malia to decide the type of fence and an exact location. She may be able to get donations for the project too. Mr. Mytinger would bring this issue back to Council when he was ready.

Chief Wain commented that it has been found that the younger generation had taken over some of these fences and they had become a dedication of romantic love. It happened in Kent on a bridge and the weight of the locks started to overwhelm the bridge rail. She mentioned this to make Council aware. A sign declaring the intention of the fence and the memorial space may or may not deter people from doing their own locks with their own intentions. Ms. Yoroko shared the lock she had made for her lost son that had his picture and birth and death dates.

T-7404 Hire NDS to do Income Survey of Camelot Village

Mr. O'Malia said the State of Ohio may be changing how it would allocate its CDBG dollars soon and with Streetsboro's median income being 8% richer than the County and 8% richer than the State, Streetsboro may not qualify for much in the future based on poverty levels exclusively. Mr. O'Malia wanted to hire NDS to perform an income survey that could send someone out to the homes to inquire about the household income levels (to report a range). The management at Camelot Village had already agreed to do this. Mr. O'Malia thought if Streetsboro could prove that the City had pockets of poverty, the City would be eligible for more grant dollars from the State.

He hoped to get funding to finish the sidewalk from Hannum Crossing, past Camelot Village to CVS at SR 43 and Frost Road. There were two major employers on Frost Road (Permco and Delta Systems). He thought if he could say there was a sufficient amount of people that were low/moderate income there it would justify the request to build a sidewalk to provide an avenue for these people to safely walk to two of the City's largest employers.

Mr. O'Malia emphasized that there may come a time where the State would really look hard at communities like Streetsboro that get the CDBG dollars, and he'd like to have some things on file to prove to the State that although it was near Hannum Crossing and Boulder Creek there was an area of residents that did not have money.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7405 Zoning Text Amendments

Mr. Cieszkowski explained that this was a draft of text amendments to address three things: 1) update the list of zoning districts to remove those districts that had been repealed and include those that were not currently in the list; 2) right now in the B-Business District medical office buildings and clinics were listed as both “uses permitted by right” and “conditionally permitted.” This would remove outpatient medical office buildings from the list of “conditionally permitted” uses and allow them to be a “use by right.” And 3) to require a fourth side and a gate on all dumpster enclosures with specific design requirements. Mr. Cieszkowski felt these text amendments were just housekeeping in nature. The Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended City Council approve these as presented to them by the Planning Department.

Mr. Ring thought the dumpster enclosure had three sides for ease of access for the garbage truck drivers to not have to stop and get out and open the gates to empty the dumpsters. He wondered if this now would be required on every dumpster enclosure. Mr. Cieszkowski said it would be required anywhere that would trigger site plan amendment review or site plan review by the Planning Commission. He said ever since he started here, although the Code only required three sides for a dumpster enclosure, he had always strongly recommended that the applicant show a fourth side with a fully opaque gate. Mr. Ring agreed it looked better aesthetically, but he wondered if it was really necessary, in a business district with no residential neighbors and the dumpsters were behind the building where no one saw them anyway, to make the drivers have to get out and open the gates. Mr. Cieszkowski said he was more concerned with the aesthetics of the dumpsters than the service time to empty the dumpsters. Mr. Ring wondered if maybe the fourth side might only be required for the dumpster enclosures that were visible, and determine the need for the opaque gates on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Cieszkowski thought it would be better to Codify the requirement so it applied to all, and if there was some reason why a fourth side wasn't reasonable or didn't make sense on a particular site, it could be discussed then.

Mr. Ring asked if existing sites would have to come up to this new Code if it passed. Mr. Cieszkowski said zoning only moved forward not backward and it would only apply to future sites after the text amendment took effect. This would apply when there was an improvement being proposed that triggered either a site plan amendment or site plan review by the Planning Commission. Mr. Ring said he wasn't opposed to it, but could see some cases where it would be irrelevant.

Mayor Broska commented that by having the dumpsters enclosed on all four sides any trash within the enclosure would stay within the enclosure and be less likely to blow around in the wind.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7403 Authorize 5-year Agreement w/Cintas for Mats and Uniforms

Bill Miller said this was the usual uniform contract. Cintas did not raise their prices; they had been

with the City for a long time and we had not had any issues with them, so he asked that Council approve the ordinance tonight.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None.

Announcements

A Regular Council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to be addressed by this committee, and upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Lampa, this meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Julie Field, Chairman