

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019

The January 14, 2019 meeting of the Ravenna City Streets & Sidewalks Committee was called to order at 6:12 P.M. by Amy Michael. In attendance were Paul Moskun, Rob Kairis, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone, Andrew Kluge and Joe Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio Diana Kane and Angie Reedy representing the Design Review Commission.

Ms. Michael said the first item for discussion is parking on Central Avenue.

Ms. Michael said there have been a lot of complaints on Central where Summit Street intersects. People are parking where it is making it very difficult for people see coming around the corner and people who live on the other side of the street have a hard time getting out of their driveways. There is only one house that has created this nuisance for the residents and it is a safety issue. There are a couple of cars that have no license plates in the driveway.

Ms. Dubinsky said Mr. Finney is sending a letter to the resident. That would be the first step and see what kind of feedback they get from the resident and then will move forward.

Mr. Finney said that because they are on a corner lot, they do have the option of adding a second driveway. It may not be the most appealing but he would not approve that location for tree lawn parking. The first step for them would be to apply for tree lawn parking and he would have to tell them no. However, they can add a driveway. It's an odd shaped lot. Cars could potentially be parked off of Summit. It might not appeal to some people also. But it would take them off the road and it is permitted in the zoning.

Ms. Michael asked that Mr. Finney please copy her on the letter being sent so she can let the neighbors know. Then they can watch to see if the issue is rectified.

Ms. Michael said the next item for discussion is concrete replacement for West Highland Avenue.

Mr. Finney said a CDBG grant has been received to perform the work. The City will encumber \$10,000.00 of a \$130,000.00 project; \$133,000.00 is from CDBG grant with the city's small portion. Along with this is some concrete testing and miscellaneous items. The limits are from Franklin to Diamond. They did the section from Oakwood to Franklin a few years ago and would like to extend that. They applied for the grant and was successful.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Ms. Michael said the next item is the annual paving program.

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Mr. Finney stated that with the paving levy, they are set to spend just under \$1 million. With the paving levy, it is broken out into many items. A portion of the Highland Avenue concrete comes out of the paving levy fund. He always earmarks a small amount for the downtown brick repairs, striping, preventative maintenance which is crack sealing; \$1,500.00 for the alternate sidewalk program. There is a component of the Freedom Street paving which is 20% of the cost from ODOT. They've given a price of \$150,000.00. That seemed extremely high to him but that is the number that is budgeted. This leaves the paving program, or the actual asphalt paving and concrete about \$725,000.00.

Mr. Moskun said he is curious to see the list of the streets proposed to be done or portions of streets.

Mr. Finney said it can be emailed tomorrow and he will have it ready for next week, for sure.

Ms. Michael asked if that is something that will be posted on the website.

Mr. Finney responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Moskun said that he has heard several people say that the levy was passed and they're not seeing a lot done because they want to know ahead what streets are going to be done.

Mr. Finney said they're not going to tell them exactly what will be done until after the spring thaw. Mr. Jeffers has a spreadsheet that takes them out so many years. He has a rating system. They can kind of tell them they are going to do this area or that but as has happened over the years, a road falls apart because of the winter and spring thaw. That's why they don't want to tell people.

Ms. Michael said that gets people worked up when it changes and something else has to get done in front of their street. She will say, and she thinks it is important that the engineering department has been very proactive in getting grants rather than using taxpayers money.

Mr. Finney said with the paving levy so far, they have resurfaced approximately 25% of all the streets in Ravenna.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Ribelin noted that his street was chip sealed and that hasn't been the case since he has lived there as was Coleman and he was wondering why.

Mr. Finney said chip seal surface is about 25% of the cost of resurfacing. If you seal the whole surface and put gravel down, it aids in skid resistance and that surface, they can overlay it at any time without losing the height or having to mill it off and relay it.

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Mr. Ribelin asked if the objective is to try to gain another year?

Mr. Finney said chip seal could go five to seven years.

Mr. Ribelin said there are holes there now that were not repaired. He was not happy with the job that was done. He's bringing it up because his constituent is upset about it. There's dust that comes up, etc.

Mr. Finney said they are supposed to sweep it. They were supposed to do it two weeks ago. Once the loose stones are swept up they shouldn't have the dust.

Mr. Ribelin said he's also concerned because there are pot holes already and they are only going to get worse as the weather continues.

Mr. Moskun asked if somewhere down the road they could publicize that there were grants used for different projects.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Matt Harper, Chairman
Streets & Sidewalks Committee