

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday June 17, 2020

6:00PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Called to Order 6:00PM by Tom Kelleher, Chair

Village Staff Present

Matt Supert-Staff

Casey Biernacki-Staff

Jenny Pesek-Staff

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS

Tom Kelleher-Chair Present

Alan Fink, Trustee, Present

Scott Lewis- Trustee, Present

Dan Cieko-Member, Present

Shawn Murphy-Member, Present

Tom Mitoraj-Member, Present

John Devona-Member, Present

Tim Riordan-Member, Present

Larry Wilson- Not Present

Others: Alice Gallagher-President

Resident Amy Tilles 5312 Woodland Avenue Western Springs IL 60558

Public Comment

Amy Tilles resident, reported to the Commission she is concerned we do all this work, and expressed concern about the resident's yards, kids on the street, trash day, sidewalks for all. She would like V-3 to be creative. She stated she hopes \$16,000 is enough for the study. It yields little details. What are the next steps? Assistant Director, Casey Biernacki reported the steps are as follows, recommendation by the Infrastructure Commission, present to the Public Works & Water Committee, and then to the Village Board for approval.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved by Chair Tom Kelleher and seconded by Dan Mitoraj.

Well Update: Tom Kelleher, Chair requested a Well update from Staff. Matt Supert Director of Municipal Services reported to the Commission. He stated preventative maintenance was done and completed in March 2020 and is now up and running. They ran into electrical issues and needed to refurbish the motor approximately four to six weeks long. This was over an eight to ten-year period. Matt Supert Director of Municipal Services reported to the Commission that you will begin to see activity with Well No. 5 over next month. A construction fence has been installed and will begin working on the electrical pad. Hope to be live by mid-September. Commissioner John Devona asked who picks up the cost of No. 4. Director Supert advised it was under warranty and no cost incurred.

Forest Hills Sidewalk Feasibility Study-V3 Proposal

Casey Biernacki, Assistant Director of Municipal Services presented to the Commission the forest Hills Sidewalk-Feasibility Study proposal from V-3. He reported in January 2020, the Infrastructure Commission requested that staff seek a proposal for a feasibility study for the installation of sidewalk in Forest Hills, there is currently is none. The proposal from V-3 for the study is a total cost of \$16,000. The study will yield a feasibility report for the project and probable construction costs. The proposal for professional services from V-3 will include the following; Project Understanding, Compensation & Miscellaneous Exhibit. The project area extends from 47th Street south to 55th Stree and from Fair Elms east to Wolf Rd. The total project area is approximately 250 acres with 7 miles of internal roadways. V-3 will collect available documentation from the Village, Cook County Right of Way and Sidwell maps to determine the available right within the project area. It was noted a significant amount of the neighborhood has sidewalk, however there are sections with gaps in the sidewalk beteen houses and where ther is no sidewalk along either side of the roadway.

V-3 will meet with the Village staff twice during the report preparation. He reported this will encompass both areas or one side. They will also look into grant funding for this project.

Potential site constraints will be noted including:

- Mature trees or landscaping
- Driveway aprons
- ADA acessibility issues
- Utility conflicts
- Visible drainage issues

Additional services may include:

- Topographic or boundary survey
- Detailed tree survey
- Preliminary or Final engineering plans
- Construction engineering services

Commission John Devona asked if the current tree inventory the Village did would help with this process. Assistant Director, Casey Biernacki advised yes it would help and yes, it is a cost savings along the line. Commissioner Shawn Murphy asked how many hours this study would take since

the rates were only submitted. Assistant Director advised he will contact V-3 for this information. The Feasibility Study may encompass some work of Phase I Engineering and could expand into a Phase I Engineering Report.

Forest Hills Sidewalk Survey Results

Casey Biernacki, Assistant Director of Municipal Services presented to the Commission. There were 387 participants in the survey.

Does your property currently have a sidewalk? The survey indicated 59.17% currently have a sidewalk and 40.83% indicated no sidewalk.

Answered: 387 Skipped: 2

Even though you have existing sidewalk in front of your home, are you in favor of participating in a Village cost share program to install sidewalks in areas where pedestrians currently share the roadway with vehicle traffic? 68.44% answered yes and 31.56% answered no.

Answered: 225 Skipped: 164

Are you in favor of participating in a Village cost share program to install sidewalks in areas where pedestrians currently share the roadway with vehicle traffic?

50.97% answered Yes and 49.03% answered No

Answered: 155 Skipped: 234

Tom Kelleher, Chair asked is this typical for the survey and Assistant Director answered 40% is a good response. Chair Kelleher stated these are very strong comments. Commissioner Tom Mitoraj suggested it could be a good idea to move forward with the study.

Western Springs Sidewalk Study 2020

Infrastructure Commission Recommendation

Casey Biernacki, Assistant Director of Municipal Services presented to the Commission and read the following:

RECOMMENDATION 20-01 CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK IN THE FOREST HILLS SUBDIVISION.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION NO. 20-01

SECTION 1: Each Whereas paragraph above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1 and made a part hereof as material and operative provisions of this recommendation

SECTION 2: The Infrastructure Commission approves the survey results presented to the Commission on January 21, 2020 and that said results showed a generally favorable opinion for the installation of sidewalks in the Forest Hills subdivision.

SECTION 3: The Infrastructure Commission recommends to the Public Works & Water Committee the Village pursue an engineering services proposal with the purpose of developing a preliminary cost estimate for the construction of sidewalk within the Forest Hills subdivision.

SECTION 4: The Infrastructure Commission recommends to the Public Works & Water Committee that an engineering study be conducted by a qualified engineer to assess potential sidewalk layout and installation options, potential project areas to be phased in of several years, potential total cost, and potential eligibility for various grant programs.

Passed by the Infrastructure Commission at a meeting held on the 17th day of June 2020

Thomas Kelleher, Chair

ATTEST:

Infrastructure Commission Acting Secretary

Motion to approve by Tom Kelleher, Chair and seconded by Tom Mitoraj

Roll Call Vote:

COMMISSIONERS

Tom Kelleher-Chair Aye
Alan Fink, Trustee, Aye
Scott Lewis- Trustee, Aye
Dan Ciecko-Member, Aye
Shawn Murphy-Member, Aye
Tom Mitoraj-Member, Aye
John Devona-Member, Aye
Tim Riordan-Member, Aye
Dan Cieko-Member, Aye
Larry Wilson- Not Present

New Business-None

Old Business-None

Next Meeting July or August, Tuesday or Wednesday evening.
Staff will coordinate and confirm. Meeting Adjourned 7:27 PM
Respectfully submitted by J. Pesek