

## STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

January 29, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Michael Carroll, Chairman; Mark Porter, Mayor Koons

**Officials Present:** Street Commissioner Alder, Engineer Haibach

The committee discussed the plan for a southern parking lot expansion in South Russell Village Park. Carroll called into question the larger plan for the park, specifically the addition of restrooms. The committee addressed the potential to have restrooms with flushing toilets that would be tied into the sewer line and would be secured in winter. Planning for the expansion, whether it would happen or not, would allow for the swale to be done. The Mayor suggested putting a rain garden over the sewer connection area of the proposed restroom.

The committee addressed evaluations of employees and Carroll stated they should be done annually. The Mayor said he already had done his, and Carroll clarified they should be in a written format.

Concerning the Capital Replacement Plan for the Street Department, the committee addressed a regular replacement plan, in particular, planning on 20 years for each truck and replacement at five-year intervals.

The Street Commissioner discussed the street light replacement and noted that the one at Kensington was flashing. The Engineer asked if this were a common failure with the new lights, and the Street Commissioner explained that it was a defect in the particular light.

The Mayor asked if the Illuminating Company representative, Dean Hayne, would be at the next Council meeting. The Street Commissioner said Hayne would be present to talk about streetlights. The Mayor said Hayne would also talk about power outages.

Regarding the paving of Chillicothe Road this summer by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), The Engineer let ODOT know there were two culverts that needed to be replaced. At the time, he did not know about third. If they were not replaced, it would jeopardize the road and the Engineer said that the indication was that ODOT might pay.

The Mayor and Porter expressed concern about the potential traffic issues with these culvert replacements on Chillicothe Rd., and the Engineer explained each would take about a week. Porter suggested putting notification in an email blast, newsletter, etc. that one lane would be closed on the indicated dates.

The Mayor asked about the timing of the Manor Brook culvert, and the Engineer said if it is necessary to get the culvert in before the stream restoration is complete, it can be replaced and have a restriction on the upper end so that it does not take any more water across than what currently flows now.

Regarding the culvert on the north side of the Chillicothe Rd. Bell Rd. intersection, the Street Commissioner said it was plugged up and had probably failed. The Engineer said it was a small

12" culvert and relatively shallow. He saw this as problematic to the ODOT road project and would communicate it to ODOT when he was able to get ahold of them. He has had difficulty reaching ODOT about the project and culverts although he has left messages.

The Street Commissioner explained that he had walked through the Lake Louise culvert replacement site with Buckeye, R&B Trenching, and Mr. Excavator, and was surprised by the first estimate \$21,000. This is the pipe that drains the small pond north of the Lake Louise Lake. It would be the responsibility of the Village. If the other two bids came in that high, the Street Commissioner suggested it be done in-house. Equipment would have to be rented because of the depth of culvert. Carroll noted that 21 feet is a deep trench and sometimes money spent is worth not dealing with potential problems. The Street Commissioner explained that the existing pipe would not be removed but rather filled with cement and a new one put on top of it. The Engineer said the culvert would be at surface level on both sides. Porter appreciated the Street Commissioner's willingness but thought Carroll's point was good. The Mayor clarified that this would be done before the Lake Louise Bridge and the Street Commissioner concurred.

Carroll asked the Engineer about the gas line in relation to the Lake Louise Bridge project. The Engineer would be having a meeting on Monday or Tuesday with Dominion. The Engineer had been calling them regularly to tell them the project was going to happen regardless, and they must get the gas line moved or the Village would move it for them.

Carroll asked about Kensington Green. The Engineer said all that was necessary was to ascertain their willingness to let the Village do something to their outlet control structure, which would be lowering the static water surface level of the pond. Carroll suggested the Engineer calculate the additional retention gained from doing this and identify how it would impact everything downstream to include Chagrin Lakes, Sugar Bush, etc. The Engineer said that Bullfrog Pond was the starting point because it is the high point. The Engineer said there was no first, second, or third project necessarily, but he and Carroll agreed that by doing it first would help everything downstream. Carroll indicated that this project would be a nominal cost to the Village and the Engineer agreed and added that the infrastructure was there and what would be changed was how it functioned. Porter stated that a 2/3 vote of the homeowners would be necessary, and the Engineer stressed that the sooner the matter could be brought to the public's attention, the better.

The Mayor indicated that the Village would be faced with winning over the Homeowners Association (HOA) membership with Chagrin Lakes as well and he thought there would be a lot of opposition. Carroll agreed and said it were to affect the main swim lake, it would not happen. Bullfrog pond, on the other hand, is not a swim lake. He addressed the issue of the dry hydrant, which might have to be lowered. If the Village were to take care of it, the residents would be spared this future expense. Carroll stated that whatever the Engineer could bring to the table to make the proposal attractive to the residents would be beneficial in obtaining the 2/3 vote.

Because of the possible conflict with Porter, the Mayor, and Galicki being residents of Kensington Green, Carroll thought it best they stay out of it and allow the Engineer and Street Commissioner to present it to the community.

Porter stated he was not in favor of the Village bearing the full cost of the dredging of Bullfrog Pond and thought it should be split with the HOA. Porter stated it was possible and had been part of the assessments of the residents. He saw this as a measure to preclude the expectation of the Village bearing the entire cost of all subsequent projects. Porter stated that the last estimate Kensington Green obtained was \$40,000 depending on the amount of dredging.

The Committee discussed disposal of dredged materials in terms of expense and location options.

Carroll addressed the proposed road schedule and said the Village should start applying to potential funding sources. The Engineer said that the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) money comes with a lot of strings and some of them are unattractive. In taking State money, the Village would lose the ability to bid and manage the project the way the Engineer typically would do it. He cited Bell Road West as an example. Carroll asked the Engineer to find out specifically what the challenges are and provide a summary report. The Engineer stated that the Village should still pursue NOACA money.

The Engineer explained that the Village would apply for the money from NOACA similar to what it does with Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), so the Engineer's certified estimate would be what was used. The committee discussed Bell Road east in terms of expense and scope of the potential project.

Regarding the Road Program, Carroll verified that because of the Lake Louise Bridge project, Garden Park nor Ridgecrest would be done. The Engineer verified this. Porter stated that the Village would be considering Woodside and Fernwood which would be about \$300,000. The Engineer said that although the PCI rating had gone up because of the work the Village had done to it, Bel Meadow East and West should be paved. Doing Woodside, Fernwood, and the Bel Meadows would mean a \$600,000 Road Program, and the committee was more inclined to address the Bel Meadows and perhaps a smaller street.

The Mayor clarified that the Engineer would address Garden Park, Louise Dr., and Ridgecrest after completion of the bridge project. The Mayor suggested that the Village would do Bel Meadow and maybe one other street. The Engineer said the Village did not have to do Bel Meadow because of the significant repairs done for the past two years. To ensure the lifespan of these repairs, something should be done this year or next year. The Engineer suggested chip sealing Bel Meadow with the promise that the Village would pave it. The Mayor said no.

The Mayor suggested doing Bel Meadow this year and Lake Louise the following year. Porter added that there was also Maple Springs, Southwyck, and Chelsea which were not as bad as Garden Park but were getting there. The Engineer agreed. Carroll suggested doing the Bel Meadows and Chelsea Ct. with the anticipation of doing the Lake Louise Streets in 2022. In 2023 the Village would look at the streets that were high in the rating. Porter clarified that this would be dependent on budget. Porter supported a smaller Road Program this year because of a question of tax revenues in 2021. Carroll advised the committee's recommendation to Council would be to do the Bel Meadows and Chelsea Ct. in 2021. Carroll added that he would also

make the comment about the Lake Louise Streets potentially being done in 2022 based on budget funding. Porter added that the proposed cost of the 2021 would be about \$360,000.

Carroll asked the Street Commissioner if he had received the new box for the new truck, and the Street Commissioner said it was in transit according to the dealership and would be installed the day after they get it. Carroll asked when this would be, and the Street Commissioner said they are anticipating it would be this week.

Carroll advised the Mayor had discussed potentially creating storm water retention on the corner of Fox Run, and said the committee needed to look at this. The Engineer said he was very excited about this. Carroll advised the Village needed to get going on this.

Carroll asked the Engineer for the status of the Stormwater study. The Engineer said he would start pushing to get this done. Carroll stressed the importance of the study.

Porter asked about the location being referred to with Fox Run, and the Street Commissioner described the location. The Mayor explained it was where the bridge is, and that they would love to give it away to the Village. Carroll stated this should be a priority because of the value of stormwater retention. Porter asked if it required an engineering study, and the Engineer stated yes, and he wanted to incorporate it to the update for the Master Stormwater Plan because it was not considered in the first study since it was not an option. Carroll again asked the Engineer when the study would be complete, and the Village had been waiting for the past six months. The Mayor asked if the study could just be updated what was done in 2004. Carroll stated that that was what was going to be done. The Mayor stated that Fox Run was in the 2004 study. It had a recommendation for Kensington Green and Fox Run. Porter stated that if the Village bought the property, the Village would need a contract. The Engineer recommended against buying the property. Carroll suggested an easement and the Engineer added that with a blanket easement the Village could do any stormwater improvement it would see fit over that section of property. Porter stated that if the Village owned it, it was theirs. Porter asked the Mayor if it was going to be given to the Village and the Mayor stated that was what he understood from the original call last fall. Carroll said if it were to be given to the Village, that was another discussion. Porter suggested it could be sold to the Village for \$100, and Carroll stated whatever it would take, he was in. Porter advised if they wanted \$50,000 for the property, forget it, the Village would get an easement.

The Mayor said the Village set aside \$6,000 to clean the Sugar Bush pond, and they have been on the Village about when it would be done. He suggested telling them that with the Manor Brook project and if the Village were to get Fox Run, cleaning the pond should wait until the projects were complete. Carroll stated that the Village should be looking at the Fox Run potential sooner rather than later. The Engineer stated that work on Manor Brook would be done first. The Mayor stated that Sugar Bush would eventually be hit with mud.

Porter said the next step with Fox Run would be for the Solicitor to talk to Fox Run's attorney about the matter. The Engineer agreed and said the Village would need a survey and legal description of the property. Carroll advised the Village should get the right property in the right

name. Porter said he would contact the Solicitor, and the Mayor said the point of contact with Fox Run was Chris Smith and said he would call him. Porter supported doing a quit claim of the property. The Street Commission advised that the Village could then maintain it and Fox Run would not incur that cost. Porter agreed that the neighborhood would like to avoid the costs with spring coming.

Carroll adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

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Michael Carroll, Chairman Street Committee