

Streets Committee – October 6, 2023

Attendees: Chairman Chris Bell (CB), President Pro Tem Mark Porter (MP), Mayor Bill Koons (BK), Streets Commissioner Tim Alder (TA), Engineer Eric Haibach (EH)

Guests: John (Specialized Construction), Suzanne (Emerald Lakes HOA President)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Bell Road Sidewalks - Suzanne from Emerald Lakes served as a representative of a group of citizens that are interested in starting a discussion about adding sidewalks connecting South Russell and Chagrin Falls. The discussion began on the NextDoor app. The residents in favor suggest two phases. First from Ridgewood in CF to the South Russell Park. The second phase from the park to Chillicothe Road. Suzanne discussed the community's desire for safe pedestrian travel along the busy road, especially for children. EH will look into this and provide a very broad estimate of what the costs may look like. BK suggested that residents who are interested in this should plan on attending the November 13 Council meeting. This will ensure that the Engineer and Streets Commissioner will be there for the discussion as well.

Bell Road Crosswalks – EH reported that his team is unable to find grants that can be used specifically for the crosswalks. He noted that we could apply for a OPWC grant, but it would be a tough sell to them. He noted that the State has an infrastructure program that provides a 3%, 15-year term. Additionally, the ODOT safety fund grant is available, but the strength of the application may be weak. The committee suggested the potential of packaging sidewalks on Bell and the crosswalks for potential grants. This may be something worth exploring.

2023 Road Program – All paving and curb repairs have been completed.

2024 Road Program – EH has started the process of creating the updated PCI ratings for all roads in the Village.

Chelsea & Fernwood Pavement Issues – John from Specialized acknowledged that the pavement on Chelsea is visually not great, and is bumpy to drive over in spots, but doesn't believe the sustainability of the road is affected. He went back to the project notes, and they identified that during the paving process there was a major house renovation and a tree contractor doing work on the street. He believes the distress is from static loading when the pavement was tender. The committee discussed the pavement quality in-depth and potential core testing prior to future roads being paved. At this time, the committee agrees that the issue may be from the heavy trucks on the soft pavement. Specialized will also look into the similarities on Fernwood.

1401-1405 Bell Rd. – TA reported that the ditching work has been completed.

Country Estates Pond – Country Estates HOA and Preserve HOA continue to discuss that matter and are working through concerns related to the potential pond work.

Budget – EH will get the committee a hard number for the salt dome so budgeting can be finalized. The committee recognized that some things may need to be delayed or downsized in 2024, including the road program, in order to pay for the dome.

Bucket Truck – TA reported that Orange Village is purchasing an updated bucket truck is and asking other communities to split the cost since it is shared. TA noted that we use it often and would use it more if we make an investment into a new one. Currently the department limits usage since we borrow it. TA will provide more information on potential costs when he receives it from Orange Village.

Manorbrook Trees – TA will review the Planning Commission minutes to confirm the type and size of trees that were designated by the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.