



RICHFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Beshara, Boester, Domanick, Lyons, Philippbar, Stoppenhagen and Waszak.

WORK SESSION TOPICS

Wheatley Road Traffic Signal Study

Planning and Zoning Director Brian Frantz said True North is interested in purchasing lots for drive-through restaurant uses. He said the village owns most of the 40 acres on the south side of Wheatley Road. There may be a new traffic signal for cars coming out of McDonald's. It would be coordinated with the Brecksville Road and Interstate 77 signals.

Traffic engineer Kevin Westbrook said a signal warrant study would need approval from ODOT. The new signal would result in a revision of the timing of traffic lights in the corridor.

The Wheatley Road sidewalk currently extends from Brecksville Road to Kinross Lakes. It could continue to McDonald's on the north side of the street. The conceptual driveway layout calls for a road to the south of the McDonald's exit.

Stoppenhagen and Waszak talked about traffic backups in the area. Westbrook said the AMATS data would be helpful because traffic is down due to COVID. Boester said a traffic light at McDonald's would help. Westbrook said a traffic study would take two or three months.

Frantz said that if the village is serious, True North should be okay with including sidewalks in their construction plans. The sidewalk is not yet in the village budget, although funds could become available through the National Interstate TIF (Tax Increment Fund).

Beshara said the village should proceed with these plans because they present a great opportunity. Mayor Wheeler said tax income is down slightly, but four companies are about to come online. Philippbar agreed that the village should proceed. Domanick said avoiding concrete would help Richfield's rural identity. Lyons recognized Council's consensus. Frantz said he would work with the mayor and Finance Director Turk on the project.

Wheatley-Kinross Sidewalk



Frantz talked about a sidewalk from Kinross Lakes to the driveway of the corner property on the south side of Wheatley Road. Engineer Dave Neumeyer talked about a pedestrian signal with flashing lights. across the east side of Kinross.

Concrete is available, but Council could choose asphalt, which is more expensive. The ramps would definitely be concrete. Lyons said the village should coordinate with neighboring property owners to avoid imposition on them. Lyons hoped for improvements instead of just the installation of a sidewalk. Council members agreed.

Philippbar said the materials for all three sidewalks should be consistent. Council agreed that a design that was less rigid and more meandering would be best. Neumeyer will coordinate with Frantz and Service Director Papp on this project.

Broadview Road sidewalk extension to Giant Eagle

Papp said there was no design yet. Lyons said this sidewalk would not have to meander much. This would be a continuation of the sidewalk that is currently on the east side of the street. Wheeler suggesting a crossing north of the Richfield Heritage Preserve, then a sidewalk continuing north to Giant Eagle. Papp said GPD would survey both sides as options.

Philippbar said she would like to make it a priority to connect Appleridge to the center of town in the next couple of years. Frantz said the village has looked at offroad trail options. Beshara said we have also discussed an easement by the Old Pine Golf Course.

Frantz and Wheeler said the village could do a trail connecting Town Hall and Appleridge. Pat Healey suggested people might want to walk to Babb's Orchard Park and the intersection of Route 21 and Wheatley Road. Papp asked if Council wanted the design and possible construction this year, and the answer was yes.

Lyons adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gorman
Clerk of Council

Mike Lyons
Council President