

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on June 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Basso and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Residents and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore. Alderman Clifford was absent.

Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the May 08, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- 2018 MFT Road Program
 - Curb work/saw cutting has started. The grinder was in town today and should have another full day tomorrow. There will be a few tweaks, because we found some poor conditions once we ground the roadway down. They will probably add a little bit of footage, maybe pull a couple of roads a little farther than they were originally proposed. We will keep it all in the budget.
 - According to Scott, residents will get notification if we are going to take out the curb in front of their driveway. We will try to accommodate it so they are not out for a long period of time, but they will have to stay off the concrete for at least three days.
- IDOT Route 83 Project
 - They have been doing patching. They do not have a schedule yet for when they will lay the finish coat and striping. The drainage work they did, has seemed to help out quite a bit.
- Sidewalk Project Route 83 – Old Oak Trail to PBO Lot
 - Scott would like to go out for bid and have the bid opening on July 6th at 2:00pm. Then we can refer them to committee the following week. If everything was satisfactory we should be able to award at City Council on July 17, 2018.

Chairman Kramarski moved to authorize the Public Works Director to go out for bid for the sidewalk project at Route 83 from Old Oak Trail to the PBO lot, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**

- Equipment Purchase
 - Scott Smith mentioned that in the budget for 2018 there was half a truck that we will use for snow plowing and it will also be utilized by the water and sewer department as a dump truck.
Scott would also like to purchase another truck out of water & sewer. He was looking to update some of the older trucks for dependability and some newer technology. Salt spreader technology has totally changed. The Clean Water Act

has been extended to include salt spreading. So if we get ahead of it, we will stay in good favor.

OSHA has implemented a new ordinance called the Silica Standard which is basically about all the dust we work around. A couple of the tractors will have to be modified with HEPA filters. It will be cheaper to retro-fit some equipment rather than buying new.

Engineer's Report: - Aurimas Spucys, Morris Engineering

- **RTA Sidewalks**
 - all the invoices were prepared and will be turned over to Janice Colvin to get the RTA reimbursement of 20%.
- **123rd St. Road Reconstruction**
 - Phase 1. They were waiting for the variance approval because IDOT wanted a bigger turn radius.
- **Ridgeland Ave. Corridor Improvements**
 - Plans are re-submitted for review to Cook County. Waiting for approval to get permit.

Chairman Kramarski wanted to know if there had been any word on the illuminated intersection signs. According to Scott Smith, we got shut down on the last ITEP submittal that included those. Scott found a sign company who has an in-house engineering staff that is going to come out and look at our sites. A lot of our poles are newer and he might be willing to do the structural on them. We may possibly have to go it alone, because we have been shut down 3 or 4 years in a row.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Basso asked if the new planting plan for the Ridgeland Avenue median is part of the Ridgeland Corridor Program. Scott stated that it is part of the plan.

Alderman Basso also wanted to know if the area on Ridgeland that has the frontage road was always asphalt. According to Scott, it used to be a guardrail with broken up asphalt. So they decided that was an enhancement to pull the guardrail and blacktop it. Basso feels that could have been green space and is afraid it's going to be something that isn't right with the plantings in the Ridgeland median. Scott stated that Ridgeland will mimic what we have on Harlem Avenue with plantings that can survive the conditions.

Alderman Key agrees that the guard rail on Ridgeland was terrible, but it doesn't look any better now. Alderman Key would like to know if the County is any closer to removing the median strips on Ridgeland. Scott mentioned he tried to get them incorporated into the frontage road plan, but they declined to participate. Alderman Key feels like you are driving down a gravel road sometimes.

Morris Engineering Invoices

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$2,428.36, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and **motion carried.** (**Voucher List**)

Resident Comments

Donna Weaver – 7699 W 124th Place

Mrs. Weaver feels that at times her street is very busy. There is a barrier at the end of the street to prevent people from driving through, thinking the path was a street. People that want to get through will drive around the barrier and on the grass of her yard. The barrier is not doing what it is supposed to do. The street is very narrow, which makes it difficult for cars to turn around. Can anything be done to help the situation?

Scott Smith will take a look at it, but can probably guarantee we won't get permission from ComEd to put any kind of pavement out there. The only option to make it wider is to take green space from both sides and then there still won't be enough room to make a full cul-de-sac. Scott will look at the barrier.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Kramarski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary