

PUBLIC WORK'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday July 14, 2021

5:30 P.M., Allouez Village Hall

Present: Rafter, Genrich, Beyler, Collison

Also present: Gehin, Lange

Excused: Green

In the absence of Chairperson Green the meeting was called to order by Rafter at 5:47 p.m. Rafter/Beyler nominated Rafter to chair the meeting. Motion carried.

MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

Genrich/Beyler moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE June 14th, 2021 MEETING

Rafter/Genrich moved to approve minutes dated June 14, 2021. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

- None

DISCUSSION/ACTION: LEBRUN JOINT YARD WASTE SITE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Rafter - gave an overview of the proposed feasibility study. The City of De Pere has paid for the study and explained it was our duty to look at possible joint projects with neighboring communities to determine if a project is in the best interest of Allouez. The Village has jointly purchased equipment and been involved in other projects with our neighboring communities.

Beyler/Collison moved to suspend the rules to gain public input. Motion carried.

Mark Boland, 826 McCastlen St.

- Proposal will increase traffic, noise and smell.
- Village operations start too early in morning, can clean up start in the afternoon?

Resident, 848 East River Dr

- Smells after it rains, loud machinery, increased traffic and dust.
- Tentative sidewalk is too small.
- Good idea to put in a condo instead of the yard waste site.

Steve Elsner, 820 East River Dr, Unit B

- Traffic is bad when leaving their driveway.
- How many vehicles can LeBrun handle before we have to redo the road?
- Will there be parking on LeBrun, security, be gated and supervised (who's paying for the extra man power)
- Charge money for the lawn clippings, might deter people to bag their own lawn clippings.

Claudia Elsner, 840 East River Dr, Unit B

- Concerned about property value and pedestrian crossing from East River Dr to the park.
- De Pere or Ledgeview have more room for a yard waste site.
- Hoffman and LeBrun already filled with many children.

Jeff Metzler, 322 Longview Avenue

- Concerned with traffic volume.
- Open LeBrun back up (where it's barricaded).
- What will we be doing with the wood chips?

Samantha Wagner, 826 Ontonagon Court

- Not safe with all the children walking and playing on East River Dr even if sidewalks were to go in.
- Suggested having the yardwaste site in Ledgeview.

Beyler/Collison moved to pick up the rules and return to regular order. Motion carried.

- Lange provided a brief history of what transpired at LeBrun and discussed the possibility of adding sidewalks to East River Drive.

Gehin:

- The main purpose of the study was to determine if there was enough space at the current site to support an expanded joint residential yardwaste site with De Pere and Ledgeview and at the same time continue to provide ample operational and storage space to the Village Public Works and Park's Department.
- It is estimated that a 3.5 acre yardwaste site will be required, consisting of a residential drop off (1.3 ac) and storage area (2.0 ac).
- The feasibility study included a wetland delineation, topographic survey, floodplain mapping, conceptual plans, cost estimates, traffic projections and an evaluation of sidewalk along LeBrun Road.
- Gehin gave a brief overview of the findings and discussed the pros & cons from the Lebrun Joint Yardwaste Site Feasibility Study.
- The cost to expand and improve the site is estimated at \$900,000. If the project is approved, the City of De Pere and Town of Ledgeview have indicated a willingness to fund the site improvements. The cost to construct the sidewalk along the south side of LeBrun Road is estimated at \$150,000. This expense would be shared amongst the communities if the project moves forward.
- In addition, he summarized emails received from Allouez and De Pere residents regarding the joint yardwaste site:
 - o Gary Emmers, 800-D East River Drive, concerned about the safety of pedestrians using LeBrun Street with the projected increase in traffic associated with joint site.
 - o Danyelle Pierquet, 811 McCastlen St., does not support the proposal, in her opinion proposed site is not a good fit for the existing land use in the area.
 - o Jeremiah Pierquet, 811 McCastlen St., not in favor of the project, adjacent roadways already have too much traffic and has witnessed too many close calls between traffic and pedestrians. Proposal will increase traffic, noise and smell.
 - o Cora Haltaufderheid, 3962 Presque Isle Ct, opposed to the project, project will have a negative impact to the surrounding park and residential properties.

Genrich/Beyler moved to table discussion of the Lebrun Yard Waste Site Expansion for further review.

Substitute motion by Rafter/Collison to recommend to the Village Board not to proceed with the Lebrun Yard Waste Site expansion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DOTY SRTS PRELIMINARY PLAN

Gehin:

- Provided an overview of the Doty Safe Routes to School Preliminary plans.
- Plan includes a 5-foot concrete sidewalk with 6-foot terrace (back of curb to sidewalk) along the north side of Longview Avenue from Doty Elementary School, east to East River Drive, as well as a sidewalk along the west side of East River Drive from Lebrun north to Hoffman Road.
- The construction of the sidewalk will take place in the street right-of-way.

- Realignment of the Longview Avenue trail necessary to better align with the proposed curb ramp located at the northwest corner of East River Dr. and Longview Ave. The existing curbed radiuses at the east leg of the intersection to be removed as part of the project.
- The proposed sidewalk at 3840-3842 East River Drive to be shifted closer to the road to avoid impacting 3 maple trees.
- There are 14 trees in conflict with the sidewalk construction and will need to be removed. A majority of trees to be removed are ash and or a tree species of less than desirable quality.
- In total 14 temporary limited easements (TLEs) and 2 permanent limited easements (PLEs) are proposed to be purchased for the project:
 - o The TLE's are needed for grading purposes to provide a gentle transition behind sidewalk at driveways and at landscaping areas.
 - o The two PLE's are required for the relocation of an existing yard drain near the intersection of East Briar Lane and East River Drive.
- Gehin recommended approval of the preliminary plans.

Beyler/Collison moved to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Doty SRTS preliminary plans. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DOTY SRTS REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

Gehin:

- In total 14 temporary limited easements and 2 permanent limited easements are proposed to be acquired for the project.
- The location and limits of the PLE's and TLE's are shown on the provided plat and TLE exhibits.

Genrich/Beyler moved to recommend to the Village Board the TLEs and PLEs as presented by Gehin. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DOTY SRTS NOMINAL OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE (EASEMENTS)

Gehin:

- Recommended to set a nominal offer to affected property owners in the amount of \$200 for the acquisition of real estate (TLEs and PLEs) in an effort to expedite and simplify acquisition.
- Nominal payment would match amount provided to those impacted by the Webster SRTS project.

Genrich/Rafter moved to recommend to the Village Board a nominal offer for the purchase of TLEs and PLEs in the amount of \$200. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Lange gave an update on the ARPA funds the Village is set to receive - \$1.4 million and ideas for how the funds could be allocated are being gathered. The Village is in no hurry to expend the funds. More information will be brought back at a later date.

DISCUSSION: 2021 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

- Gehin provided an update on 2021 construction projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Genrich/Collison moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes provided by Michelle Mahlik, Brad Lange and Sean Gehin