

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS**  
**ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**FEBUARY 1, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.-Community Building**

Committee Members Present  
Councilman Thomas Fish (Chair)  
Service Director- Ted DeWater  
Mayor Dan Fritz  
Council President Ethan Spencer  
Lt. Todd Dietzel (In place of Chief Wyant)

**Establish Quorum-** Meeting Called to order by Councilman Thomas Fish, Committee Chair at 8:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting n  
Held on November 30,2021 were unanimously approved by Committee.

**Comments from Residents-** Three residents were present  
Karen Cunningham 33845 Chagrin Boulevard  
Eileen Stork 33675 Chagrin Boulevard  
Caroline Tilton 34102 Chagrin Boulevard

Karen Cunningham presented their proposal for a sidewalk or walking bath along Chagrin Boulevard.  
Karen presented a collection of just under 50 signatures from residents on Chagrin, the Heathermore development, and business owners that would be affected by the sidewalk.  
The sidewalk would stretch from Som center boulevard to Gale Ellison Drive.  
She made several claims claim

That this area is a unique part of the village.

That children and employees are walking the streets daily creating a safety risk.

The sidewalks would allow pedestrian traffic between the schools, library, sport fields and businesses.

This would create a more eco-friendly healthier alternative to driving.

At this point Karen provided a map showing the proposed layout.

Proposed that the walkway be on the south side of Chagrin for a couple of reasons. On the north side it might be a non-starter due to residents. The north side would need many trees removed the south side does not have that issue.

Karen said she presented the idea to the Orange school superintendent and he said it was a municipal issue.

Presented the idea of calling it a nature path hoping that would stop other areas from the village from asking for sidewalks.

The mayor responded with his opinion that he didn't believe this would be enough to stop other areas from asking for additional sidewalks but might open up the possibility for outside funding from Nature Works, allow the paths would need to be 10' wide.

Councilman Fish asked how many children lived in the area that would be affected. The answer given was 10+ in Heather More on the South side and 7 on the north side.

Caroline mentioned that she has seen children walking to school from behind ML Tavern.

The mayor expressed concern about the community asking to extend the sidewalk and where does it end. All of the children ride the bus or get dropped off at school. They still have concerns about after school activities swimming lessons and camps.

There was a discussion about whether or not there would be easements needed. Would we need to buy any land from the school or citizens?

The area has either a 30 or 45' foot easement. Temporary easements would be needed for the actual work.

The comment was made that this would benefit all residents of Moreland Hills. The mayor did challenge this point. The residents pointed out that there is a new development and there is an assumption that there will be more people including children as that development fills.

There was discussion about who is responsible for snow removal. Would that fall on the maintenance department? It was brought up that the responsibility will probably fall on the landowner depending on where the walkway is. The school may be better situated to handle this because they already use something to clear the paths on school property.

The question was asked where does this area's "uniqueness" extend to? Would that definition be enough to stop the rest of the community from asking for sidewalks?

Again, the mayor stated that he did not believe that the definition would stop other community members from wanting extensions into their neighborhoods.

Karen asked why such a strong sentiment to not having sidewalks to which the mayor pointed out that in surveys done in the past the majority of the citizens did not want sidewalks.

There was a discussion about who would be the contact within Orange schools. Both the mayor and the residents plan to reach out to Ted Roseberry.

The mayor presented the idea of using bollards to separate a portion of the street as a walkway instead of creating a new sidewalk. We agreed to try and look for and review alternative solutions.

Karen asked if emotionally black top instead of concrete would make the walkway less of a sidewalk and more of a nature path?

The question was raised, would Pepper Pike pick up the sidewalk where Moreland hills stops and carry it further. Mayor Dan Fritz has reached out to Mayor Richard Bain, so he is aware.

At this point the residents left the meeting with the understanding that we would meet with them again on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Police Dept. Updates from Lt. Todd Dietzel**

Currently all video from police recorders is downloaded manually. The system to Automatically download and transfer video when you pull into the station will be installed in April.

New Officer starting Jeff Myerhoffer

Laura parks will start part time in April

#### **Village Engineer Updates**

Village engineer was not present.

Mr. DeWater stated that they will want a motion to start reviewing the roads program to create specification and start getting quotes. Mr. DeWater will draft the motion.

There was a discussion about the rehabilitation of the Miles Road Culvert project shared with Bentleyville.

**Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater**

Equipment repairs

Air dryer replacement on the MHA plow truck should be done 2/1/22

Main airline failure on Rubbish truck, completed

A truck that was approved last year could not be delivered; the money was returned to the general fund.

There was an additional truck already slated for this year's budget, so we are currently looking for two trucks. These trucks may need to be bought through a dealer at retail pricing. The government programs do not currently include pickup trucks. The current budget is \$50,000 per truck.

Hoping to add a UTV, two lawn mowers, and landscape trailers to the budget

Order 11 hundred tons of road salt so far this year.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Nothing added

**Adjournment: 9:29 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 1,2022 @8:00 a.m.**