

VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 5, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.-Community Building

Committee Members Present

Mayor Dan Fritz

Council President Ethan Spencer

Councilman Thomas Fish (Chair)

Councilman Steve Richman

Police Chief Kevin Wyant

Service Director- Ted DeWater

Engineer-Jeff Filarski

Establish Quorum- Meeting Called to order by Councilman Thomas Fish, Committee Chair at 7:59 a.m.

Approval of Minutes- There was one change made to the minutes from the last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on March 1, 2022. With that change Mayor Dan Fritz made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Ethan Spencer.

Comments from Residents-

Two residents of Skyline drive Bob Norwick and Amy Withrow presented a proposal regarding traffic and parking issues they believe is caused by a lot at the end of the street that is owned by the metro parks. Their concerns are the amount of extra traffic and the speed at which the traffic moves as people drive to the lot at the end of the street. The lot is not a designated park area. They mentioned that people use this area to congregate. They have found a hammock, blankets, a firepit and trash. Their request was to place a "local access only" sign at the entrance to the street hoping to curtail traffic. Chief Wyant let them know that because it's a public street they cannot place that sign or cannot stop people from using the street. Chief Wyant did ask if there was a time of day that was more troublesome. Amy said after school hours and around dinner time. The chief did mention that he could ask the officers to patrol that area more often. Amy brought up a safety issue in the area because of a steep drop off. The mayor and the police chief are working with the metro parks to see what type of signage could be placed in the area. The service department is looking to add a speed limit sign at the entrance to Skyline.

Steve Richman presented a concern for resident (Ryan Haber) of sitting water on Fairway trail. Pictures of the problem on Fairway Trail were reviewed, it was determined that some simple changes could be done by the service department to fix the issue.

Ted said he will add it to the list of service department projects.

There was a discussion regarding the letter provided by Mayor Dan Fritz concerning the proposed sidewalk on Chagrin Boulevard. It was agreed upon by the committee that the letter will be presented to the residents that made the proposal at the May council meeting.

Police Dept. Updates from Police Chief Wyant

Chief Wyant had no updates.

Village Engineer Updates

Road Program

We are getting cores samples of different roads to determine what is below the surface so we can spec the correct actions needed to restore the roads.

Jeff is working with the Chagrin falls engineer to work out a joint plan (MOU), because the Chagrin Boulevard project has sections that fall into both cities. Chagrin Falls will pay for the sections that fall onto their property.

Asphalt prices have gone from \$180 last year to \$210-\$220 this year.

All building materials have increased.

Village stream complex erosional control project is complete. There will be two change orders presented at the next council meeting, one for \$4000 the other for -\$3600 for a net difference of \$400.

Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater

Request for quotes went to three different truck dealers for two new trucks. Two of the dealers would not quote. Junction Auto did quote both trucks. The first truck will cost \$40,240 the second \$42,945. Both trucks had been budgeted at \$50,000 each. The first truck will have a snowplow added at a cost of \$5500-\$7800 which will fit within the original \$50,000 budget.

Two lawn mowers will be replaced, a walk behind at \$6,399 which is \$100 over budget and a ride on zero turn at \$9900 which is \$3000 under budget.

We are making an effort to start buying electric equipment instead of gas. The first items are two battery operated hedge trimmers. We are also looking at a battery powered push mower for cutting around the pavilion.

This effort to look into electric tools was driven by a program that Councilman Richman is working on.

Ted is working on the salt contract for next year. We bought 2200 tons this year. We are looking at 2800 tons for next winter.

Ted is also working on the rubbish and recycling contract. We are part of a consortium within the county. We have option years available, however the current thought is to get out of the current contract and re-bid. There is an opportunity to get additional payback on recycled materials.

Miscellaneous Business

The state is redoing the culvert under route 87 near the Woodland Glen pump station. The state is requesting to purchase land from Moreland Hills They also need a temporary easement during

construction. They will pay Moreland Hills \$7329 for the land and the removal of 4 trees along with the temporary easement. The land is not currently used by the village. The neighbor of the project is concerned about the appearance of the finished product. Moreland Hills will do some plantings once the project is complete to help with the appearance.

Steve Richman presented the start of his project to look at what our community can do to start effecting change to improve the environment he referred to this as a carbon reduction initiative.

We need to look at opportunities like the use of electric vehicles and equipment for the village. Look into the use of solar energy for village buildings.

Steve is asking that we as a team start to reach out to other communities that have already started these initiatives to see what can be learned.

This will become a standard meeting agenda item.

Adjournment: 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2022 @8:00 a.m.