

Present: Council President Downey; President Pro-Tem Domzal; Members: Mooney, Pfeifer, Schmitt, Stearn and Woodrow

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy
Village Attorney, Ryan

President Downey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Department building conference room at 18600 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

PATHWAY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Location of 13 Mile Road pathway - Council discussed the Committee's recommendation to locate the pathway on the south side of the road. Stearn favored constructing the sidewalk on the north side. Spallasso was directed to review the matter again and report back at the next Council meeting.

Designation of pathways as "seasonal" – Council members had questions for Ryan regarding potential civil or Village liability if people are not required to remove snow from sidewalks. There was discussion as to whether the mile roads (or sectional roads) could be separated from others as "seasonal". Spallasso was asked for information on the cost of the Village removing snow from "sectional" roads.

Extension of 13 Mile pathway from Groves to Kennoway – The issue was considered moot if the path is moved to the north side.

Responsibility of snow removal - The general consensus was to leave the current ordinance in effect for residential neighborhoods; name "sectional" sidewalks as seasonal, but perhaps consider cleaning them; clean sidewalks and bill abutting businesses in the downtown special assessment district area; current ordinance would stand for other commercial areas.

Funding maintenance program – The Pathways Committee recommends including 0.1 mil in the ballot language for repairs. The discussion centered on what happens after the millage sunsets. There was no consensus reached, and Council agreed to visit the issue at a future meeting.

Inclusion of 14 Mile and Evergreen Road segments – Pfeifer expressed opposition to including this into the Pathways Plan relative to safety concerns. She questioned whether the Village needs homeowner permission to proceed due to the Natural Beauty Road designation.

Ballot language – The Committee recommends two alternatives. There was no Council consensus on how to proceed. This will be a topic of discussion at the October 7 Council meeting. Staff was directed to mail public hearing notices to all properties abutting "sectional" roads and to publish the notice in the Eccentric Newspaper.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Following a presentation by Pfeifer, it was the sense of Council to explore establishing a Charter Revision Committee.

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Stearn, to direct Village Attorney Ryan to prepare a recommendation on how to establish a Charter Revision Committee and present this process to Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

LANDLORD/TENANT ORDINANCE

Mooney made a presentation on a proposed Landlord/Tenant ordinance. The general consensus of Council was to pursue the matter at a future meeting.

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Stearn, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk