

Village of Hiram

Advisory Committee on Sidewalks Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017

Call to Order: Chairman Tom Wadkins called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Committee Members Present: Tom Wadkins, Chairman
David Smith, Councilman ← *not a member*
Paul Spencer, Councilman
Lou Bertrand, Mayor
Ed Frato-Sweeney, Hiram College Representative

Hiram Officials Present: James McGee, Village Administrator
Susan Skrovan, Fiscal Officer

Others: Street Department employee Steven Schuller

Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mayor Bertrand with a second from Mr. Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: A motion to approve the February 28, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Mayor Bertrand with a second from Mr. Wadkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests/Public: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Committee reviewed the results of the sidewalk survey completed by CT Consultants. We have 120+ parcels that were surveyed. To meet the minimum requirements of our current legislation, the cost to make the necessary repairs would be \$18,860. To fix all of the sidewalks that need repair would cost \$81,080.

Trees in the right of way become an issue; what can be done about them. Some trees we can go around; however, even if a tree is cut, the roots continue to grow. Do we ask residents to make repairs to their own sidewalks and if the Village has to do the repairs; we can assess them on their tax bills. After further discussion, James will bring before Council a draft letter to send to residents to either have them repair their own sidewalks or have the Village make the repairs and invoice residents or assess them.

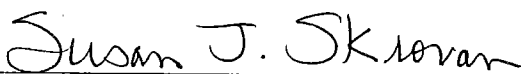
Susan will contact the Portage County Auditor and find out what the procedure is to assess someone's property and how that would be paid back to the Village and what the timeline is for the process.

Chairman Wadkins noted there will not be a Nuisance Properties Committee meeting tonight; Tom is working with the Portage County Health Department on getting some information gathered.


The next Sidewalks Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 following Finance/Safety.

Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Spencer with a second by Mr. Wadkins. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:


Susan J. Skrovan, Fiscal Officer

Attest:


Tom Wadkins, Chairman