

Village of Bratenahl
Public Improvements Committee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Public Improvements Committee was held on May 8, 2019 at the Community Center and called to order by Joyce Burke-Jones at 5:30 PM.

Attendance:

Committee Members: Chairperson Joyce Burke-Jones, Councilpersons Mary Beckenbach and Gina Huffman

Agenda Item Attendees: Village Engineer Don Beirut, Mayor John Licastro

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Huffman made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 minutes and Ms. Beckenbach seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Ms. Beckenbach made a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes and Ms. Huffman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Agenda:

Fence Replacement – North end of Bratenahl Road

- Council directed the village engineer to proceed with design with input from the Shade Tree Commission recommendation of bid documents for the fence within the \$4,000 budget allocation.
- **The fence agenda item was opened for comment by meeting attendees**
 - Mr. Mellis & Mr. Rollins, President & Vice President of Lakehurst Home Association, offered to pay for the fence replacement, bollard installation, improve uneven ground, and lake view improvements in conjunction with their wall improvements project.
 - Their proposed scope included
 - Replacing the fence to 60 feet south of the current location and
 - Removing the evergreens and metal fence on the west side of the property for that 60 feet to create a more expansive west view of the lake, while
 - Maintaining adjacent property owner's privacy.
 - An evergreen visual barrier would be maintained to the east for property owner privacy.
 - Ms. Allgood, Esq., Lakehurst resident, also brought up research she had executed that may bring into question the village ownership of the property.
 - Further comments and questions ensued on:

- Property safety,
 - The current fence with locked gate is located just before the steep shore bank stopping possible falls by residents & pets. There is no beach
 - After dark, vehicles have jumped the north curb and, in some cases, have only stopped when hitting village chain link fence
 - Adjacent residents were concerned about intruders
 - Uneven ground condition of site,
 - Need to have the fence replaced this summer, and
 - Residents indicated the fence should look better and obstruct less of the view
 - Access to lake views in Bratenahl in general
 - Residents indicated the importance of the north end of Bratenahl Road property to the community and the desire to have more lakeview access
 - A number of attendees weren't sure the better views and property improvements proposed by the adjacent property residents were worth considering.
 - The committee indicated that village counsel had assured the chair of the Village's ownership of the property. However, given the specifics provided by Ms. Allgood regarding the 1963 County Commissioner vacation of Bratenahl Road north of Lakeshore Blvd. and the Ohio and Guardian title company searches, the committee would request verification on property ownership.
 - The committee determined to hold discussion on the fence till ownership was confirmed at the upcoming May Council meeting And committed to keeping the project moving for this year's completion as intended by council.
 - Discussion will continue at the upcoming June 12th Public Improvements Committee meeting.
 - The fence specifications discussion by Mr. Beirut was postponed till the next meeting as well.
 - The Committee also indicated that
 - Once ownership by the Village was confirmed and
 - IF council determined the Value of the improved views of Lake Erie and Savings on of improvements benefited the village enough to locate the replacement fence 60 feet further south on the properties north end,
 - Legislative action would need to be taken before moving forward.
- **Status of 2019 Village public building improvement projects**
 - Bratenahl Road fence discussed previously
 - Village administration is beginning to explore items appropriated for this year.
 - Village Hall building façade repairs including masonry tuckpointing & wood framing painting

- Village Hall entrance ramp railing repair
- Initial steps to improve Community Center ADA compliance / handicap access within a \$60,000 appropriation
 - Mayor Licastro and Village Engineer, Mr. Beirut, indicated that initial discussions included
 - Installing a stair, chairlift between the gymnasium and main floor
 - Renovating one of the toilet rooms located on the main floor to become ADA compliant
 - The committee questioned compliance of stair, chairlift and unintended destruction of stair finishes.
- The committee asked that an architect's input be utilized for architecture specific scope.
- Due to time limitations, discussion on these project's development could not be completed. However, further updates and decisions on these projects will be on next month's agenda.
- These projects are scheduled for completion this year per our Capital Improvements Plan.
- **Status of 2019 Village street improvement projects**
 - Village administration is beginning to explore items appropriated for this year.
 - Lakeshore Blvd. mill & fill improvements for the boulevard running between from Holden road, running west to the end of the village.
 - To get this project started, the committee determined it would recommend that council authorize our Village engineer to proceed with preparing contract documents and issuing them for bid for the Lakeshore Blvd mill and fill road improvement project running from Holden road west to the end of the Village.
 - Ms. Huffman made the motion, Ms. Beckenbach seconded the motion, and the vote carried.
 - Lakeshore Blvd improvements from Holden road to Bratenahl road are dependent on the award of our grant application.

Adjourn:

At approximately 7:05 PM, Ms. Beckenbach made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Burke-Jones