

Trustee Weatherston called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Weatherston and Trustee McManus

Absent: None

Staff present: Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, President Jim Dobbs and Village Administrator Kathy Kasper

1. Approval of minutes

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021, meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Asphalt Thickness Discussion

Memorandum:

From: Tom Lazcano P.E. – Public Works Director

Re: Asphalt Pavement Thickness

The Engineering Department has received a request to use a 4-inch asphalt pavement thickness for subdivisions. Newport Developers has investigated roadway thickness requirements of surrounding communities and is requesting the Village allow the same thickness used by surrounding communities. Newport Developers says the reduction of pavement thickness will mean significant cost savings for future projects.

The Engineering Department has verified the thickness of the surrounding communities and agrees that a 4-inch pavement thickness would be sufficient for most subdivision roads. A 6-inch pavement thickness is more common on higher used roadways such as State Trunk Highways and Truck Routes in the state.

There is an issue that needs to be resolved if a 4-inch pavement thickness is allowed. That issue is the Village's requirement of only paving binder lifts until the subdivision is 95% developed or 2 years pass. Once the subdivision is 95% developed, an asphalt inspection is completed, any repairs that are necessary are done, and then the surface lift of asphalt is placed.

Some options to address this are:

Do not pave subdivisions for 2 years, have traffic run on gravel. Pave after 2 years.

Only pave 2.5-inch binder and have traffic run on that until 95% developed or 2 years. Then perform an inspection and pave surface.

Pave all 4-inches of asphalt and perform an inspection in 2 years, then require repairs if necessary.

There are pros and cons to each option that we should discuss before approving.

Asphalt Thickness Discussion:

Public Works Committee Members discussed considering the gravel crushed base from 10” to 12” with 4” or 5” of asphalt instead of the 6”. The Members spoke of the pros and cons on changing the thickness of asphalt for Village roads with concerns on road durability and usage of the Village plow trucks and Johns Disposal trucks.

No motion needed.

3. Children at Play Signage on Erie St/Kentwood Drive

Memorandum:

From: Tom Lazcano P.E. – Public Works Director

Re: Request for “Children at Play” Sign

The Engineering Department has received a request to add a “Children at Play” sign for Erie Street and Kentwood Drive. The Village no longer installs these signs because a study showed they provide a false sense of security for residents and become ineffective after a few weeks. They are noticed when they are initially installed but are ignored soon after. They then become a maintenance issue going forward.

We have allowed the “Slow Down” or “Children at Plan” yard signs if residents want to purchase them and install them on their own. These can be moved and removed so they are more noticeable and effective. Some examples are on the next page. I would recommend denial to the request to add a Children at Play sign at Erie Street and Kentwood Drive.

Children at Play Signage on Erie St/Kentwood Drive Discussion:

None.

Motion by Trustee McManus to deny the request of “Children at Play” Signage.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

3. Adjournment

Trustee McManus motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erika Waege, Building Admin