

Sidewalks, Lights, & Tree Committee Minutes

The Sidewalk, lights & Tree Committee Meetings are conducted on a quarterly (January, April, July and October) basis. Meetings are held in the Van Buren High Community Room at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the depicted month.

Committee Members: Greg Ayers and Jim Fox

January Minutes

Present: Jim Fox, Ed May and Rod Ashcraft

Not Present Greg Ayers

The committee met to discuss the annual tree trimming process with Rod Ashcraft of Ashcraft Tree Services. The following items were discussed:

- Evaluate all trees to ensure that they are healthy and safe, if not; plans are to trim or remove.
- Plant a minimum of three trees within the Village
- Timing of the tree trimming
 - March or April timeline or when weather permitted
- The need for Ashcraft to call the one-call system prior to grinding of stumps
- Village Wide Spring Clean-up day, April 25, 2008
- Plans are to establish a Tree inventory sometime during 2008
- Emerald Ash Borer was discussed; however, there are no plans at this time to remove any Ash trees.

April Minutes

Present: Greg Ayers and Ed May

Not Present Jim Fox

The committee met to discuss the Street, lights and Sidewalk issues. The following items were discussed:

- The Committee to contact the Findlay Water Department to determine when they are planning to asphalt the intersections of Cherry and Elm as well as Elm and Walnut.
- Determine to seek Council permission to install a 10" pipe so the buses do not crush the curbs. The curb is becoming exposed.
- The committee discussed the need to seal cracks on Main Street and other areas within the Village street infrastructure. The committee to seek bids.

- The committee discussed the need to move one village street light from pole 429A 4-162 to 429.1 to eliminate a possible safety issue. The new light location will be at the intersection of East Market and Railroad Street. The committee will contact AEP.
- The Mayor discussed the need to inspect the Village lights monthly.
- To contact Erik Streans of Dick Towing to seek his assistance to permanent install the Holiday lights to the various AEP poles.
- The Mayor shared the results of the Village Survey as to the results relating to unsafe sidewalks. The committee will contact various Villages in Hancock County to determine how they address repairs and replacement of damaged sidewalks.

The committee did not discuss any tree items.

July Minutes

Present: Greg Ayers and Ed May

Not Present Jim Fox

The committee met to discuss the Street, lights and Sidewalk issues. The following items were discussed:

- The Committee sent an email to the Findlay Water Department to thank them for asphaltting the intersections of Cherry and Elm as well as Elm and Walnut.
- The Committee tabled the installation of a 10” pipe at the corner of South Main and the north entry of the Van Buren School due to new curbs being constructed.
- Erik Streans of Dick Towing will assistance in September to permanently install the Holiday lights to the Various AEP Poles.

October Minutes

Present: Greg Ayers, Jim Fox and Ed May

The committee met to discuss the Street, lights and Sidewalk issues. The following items were discussed:

- Village Wide Spring Clean-up day, November 1, 2008
- Holiday Lights will be hung during the week of November 24
- Greg Ayers reported that Linda Huffman’s middle school 8th grade class will assist in replacing damage or burned out holiday lights on October 30 as part of a community service day.

Submitted by Greg Ayers