

## Street Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
October 31, 2017

There was a meeting of the Street Committee in Council Chambers on Monday October 30, 2017 after Finance Committee with these members present:

Carol Floyd	Jeff Rath
Dee Hall	Mike Mangus
Jeremy Blake	Jonathan Lang
Doug Marmie	

We wish to report:

1. Ordinance No. 17-54 accepting the dedication to public use of the streets in Park Ridge subdivision, phase 2, section 1b was considered.

**Brian Morehead-** the construction is complete on this phase of the Park Ridge subdivision and the developer has asked that we move this plat along as quickly as possible. They would like to be able to sell some lots soon and they have some contracts that they would like to take advantage of good interest rates before the end of the year. The plat that is before you has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. We are asking that the legislation has the second reading waived and that it be passed at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to help out the sales of some of those lots.

**Mr. Rath-** I know in the Park Trails subdivision across the street we let them get away with a few things that we don't do in other places in the city are we doing that here? In particular like trees in between the sidewalk and curb.

**Brian Morehead-** those trees in Park Trails were planted by the Homeowners Association and they didn't receive approval from the city when they did that. We wouldn't have approved if we had known about it back then. Probably a good percentage of those trees are going to need to be removed in the coming year or two I would say. They are going out into the street and it is getting to the point that garbage trucks and school buses aren't having easy passage through there.

**Mr. Rath-** there are areas that they are disrupting sidewalks and curbs.

**Brian Morehead-** absolutely. If you are asking if we are going to police that more in this subdivision I guess if a request came to us we would review that. If someone plants something that we don't know about we don't have the manpower personnel to go babysit every subdivision but if we found out about it we'd try to do something about it.

**Jen Kanagy, 2584 Uplandview Ct-** I would just like to ask that the clause to pass it without the second reading not pass. There are some issues over there, there is a homeowner who is involved in litigation and when that excavation started to happen it wasn't done correctly and there were issues with basements flooding and paver patios that were washed out. When it rains over there it looks like a mudslide down the roads. I would just ask that we give people time to come and speak and express their opinion.

**Mr. Lang-** how is that related to the rest of the approval for the public use of streets?

**Jen Kanagy-** just giving people time to come and say what they think is going on and even if it is appropriate to sell off 20 lots and start digging then it will look like a bigger mudslide.

**Mr. Marmie-** there are laws where any of the roadways have to be approved by the Engineer's and part of that is a runoff can't be changed or altered. All of that has to be taken into consideration. Are you suggesting that our Engineer's office would not do that to ensure those things do not occur?

**Jen Kanagy-** all I am suggesting is that I have talked to the homeowners out there and me giving them three days' notice to get here after work is not sufficient so I am just asking you to not waive the second reading. I'm asking you to not pass it at the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Brian Morehead-** the comment about the erosion and so forth, the original erosion control plan on the Park Ridge subdivision here that was under construction earlier in the summer was not fully implemented. Soon after the construction started the complaints started, we dealt with the developer. They basically revised their plan to handle the water that is coming down since I would say July I don't know of any other issues that we have had. I had heard that one of the homeowners has litigation against Rockford Homes, the developer but that's not really anything that we are involved with. The legislation before you is to dedicate the streets to public use and they have met all of the requirements for that. As far as runoff and protecting the adjacent properties we have reviewed their plan, it has been approved by us however it is an ongoing thing that the erosion control plan is a living document; if issues arise they need to go back and change things. As they are digging basements they will have to deal with the topsoil and issues they encounter as it goes along. It's not such that here is a plan you didn't follow it. It's here is a plan there are issues you need to alter your plan and keep changing it as it goes along.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rath**

**Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.**

Carol Floyd, Chair