

Public Works Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2014

Call to Order by Chair Szukala at 3:05 P.M.

Members in attendance: Stacy Szukala, Stephanie Kiyak, Andy Gonzalez
Also in attendance: Gib Snyder, Randy Woodbury, Tony Gugino, Shelly Wells,
Sue Chiappone, Andy Dickson, Steven Rees, and Ron Szot

Approval of minutes : First by Gonzalez, second by Szukala

A formal game plan is being worked on for paving, top coat and streets due for complete paving. First is to work on hot and place and DPW is looking into a new product that may work better than what was used in past. Chips \$\$ will be used for complete milling and repaving in the first, third and fourth wards, Washington Park area and Hud target areas.

Paving is being addressed on route 5, route 60 which is being done by the State. Pothole repair is being done on the city main streets first. Secondary streets are being done after the mains unless the condition of the pot hole is urgent.

The seawall project is still on hold due to the lack of needed paperwork. The city was supposed to have a formal letter in hand about the grant award.

Recycling items will be addressed with stickers and this is being done in house. The crews were told effective last Thursday that all recycling items put out on garbage collection days ARE TO BE LEFT! Stickers will be forthcoming. Szukala wanted to express her thanks to all involved in moving forward in this direction. If residents have any issues, they are to call their respective council person.

CSX representatives met with Gugino and the VP of Operations stated the city had permission to paint Railroad underpass areas. The need for painting the overpass areas will be handled by CSX. In the past we were not given permission to do so. Kiyak asked why we would choose not to paint, compared to the current condition. If we choose to paint, Gugino can find volunteers to do a project. There may be \$\$ available through Dept. of Dev. For supplies.

Szukala will reach out to Nicole for the contact of someone who does murals. Maurice Oconnell stated all CSX areas are up to code and they report to the Federal Railroad. Power blasting can also be done to clean up the areas.

The website updates is still an issue. The communication between people is not working. Szukala received a quote from Mike P. for a new site proposal. Szukala will contact Tim G. for the creator of the current website. This will continue to be worked on.

Complete streets was discussed. Andy Dickson brought up that some confusion existed about the bike lanes on Central Ave. He stated complete street legislation is much more. Its about safe sidewalks, bike lanes and streets that are appealing to tourists and residents, trees, flowers, sculptures and increased markings. He hopes that council will pass the resolution soon. He passed out a photo of some markings that have been done in other communities. Getting children and residents involved is also encouraged. Steven Rees also spoke about his support of Complete Streets legislation. It will cause DPW to consider ideas with each project fitting all forms of transportation. It was pointed out by Szukala that Councilman Rivera originally stated he would sponsor the resolution and the original form was rather large and some how it was handed off from Rivera to the Public Works Committee to discuss. The only way to move forward was to openly discuss the concerns and structure the resolution to fit the city of Dunkirk. Gugino and Woodbury fully support the Complete Streets project and moving forward. The issues brought to Gugino from Szukala from the walkability study have all been corrected.

Al Zurawski gave updates on the Community X-Mas building. The issues he pointed out have been corrected. Millenium Parkway is prohibiting the movement of the dumpster. Within two weeks progress whould be made on the roof. Szukala and Kiyak stressed that the ENTIRE council has been patient enough and the next step council wants done is a court appearance. The residents have been patient as well and the neighborhood deserves better than the owner is giving. We can work together on a completion date if progress is made but that isn't happening. Weather has played a large part, but the weather is not an issue anymore.

The Maple Avenue home was also discussed. Al didnt want to discuss anything further until he has more info to share. He will have a meeting the second week in May. Its an area of concern due to youth. The Conti building was discussed

next. The scaffolding should be down if active work is not being done. This is the old Conti Building on Kind Street. There were young adults/teens trying to enter the building on the second floor. Al will keep us posted.

The lawn mowing RFQ process has taken longer than thought. Originally having one/two contractors was going to be sponsored by Szukala but it is unclear how to move forward. Using summer help was also discussed. Making sure the legal aspect was covered no matter how we move forward was important. The weather is now ok to mow and we need to move forward.

Meeting adjourned 3:54. Motion by Kiyak and Second by Gonzalez.