



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15th, 2020**

**The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks4bEqhijjs>**

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom: Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Water Superintendent, Tim Stephens, Quality IP, Katie Mazanek and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

**The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:13 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.**

The first discussion item was the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant for the water line project on Lawrence St. Mr. Finney stated that the best, low bidder for the project is decided by the Board of Control. There is a grant and loan which will be given, upon approval from the OPWC, to the City. The remainder of the project cost will be covered by the City which has been budgeted. Mr. Finney stated that unfortunately the job is unable to be bid out because OPWC has not approved their budget yet and they do not know when they will approve it. He doesn't want to advertise for the project until the funds are received from the state, but he does want an ordinance passed so that they are ready to move forward as soon as the state of Ohio allows them to. Mr. Harper asked what the City's percentage of the cost was and Mr. Finney stated that he thinks the City is budgeted for \$250,000. Typically, it is a half a million-dollar project, which half of it is a grant, plus an additional \$50,000 loan.

- The item was moved forward

The second discussion item was an ordinance adding 'No Parking' on Highland Ave. between Vine St. and Diamond St., to both sides of the road and placing signage as needed. The tree lawn across the street from Spano's Bar has been used as parking for many years. The homeowner of the property with the tree lawn would like to plant grass there and have no more parking on the tree lawn. Mr. Finney stated that City Council must approve to put a 'No Parking' sign there. Mr. Moskun stated that he thought there was no parking on tree lawns in the City, and Mr. Finney concurred that he was correct. Ms. Michael stated that gravel was on the tree lawn and that it was always assumed that parking was allowed there. She said that over the weekend dirt had been put on the tree lawn and that she had received phone calls because of it, adding that the resident does own the home and they do not want parking on it any longer.

Mr. Harper asked if there was a parking permit on file and Ms. Michael said there is not a permit. Ms. Dubinsky stated that there is a large parking lot across the street from the Big Dog Saloon that patrons can use to park in and then walk down.

Mr. Harper stated that he believed it would require a public hearing and Mr. Finney stated that for posting signs the City has held public hearings in the past. Kay inquired as to how the public hearing, and any opposition, would relate to the homeowner's tree lawn. Mr. Moskun stated that the homeowner should be allowed to do what they want and not allow parking. Mr. Finney was asked his opinion on the subject. He felt that the issue could iron itself out, meaning if the owner were to plant grass and people would then stop parking on it then a 'No Parking' sign would not be required. If the City were to put a 'No Parking' sign, then there would need to be an ordinance. Currently a homeowner can apply for parking on a tree lawn, but not a business that is located across the street. Highland Ave. has no signs or ordinances in that section for no parking. Parking on the street would cause obstruction of traffic flow. Kay stated that the rest of Highland Ave. is no parking and suggested making the whole street uniform to include this section as having no parking allowed as well. It was stated that parking on the street posed a safety concern.

- The item was moved forward

The third discussion item was to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with JD Striping & Services, Inc. on the 2020 striping program. Bids were opened on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and JD Striping & Services, Inc. was recommended by the Board of Control as the best, low bidder. Mr. Finney stated that JD Striping has been part of the striping program for 18 of the 20 years that he has been employed and that the City has been happy with their work, along with the fact that they are local. The winning bid was around \$61,000.

- The item was moved forward

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Matt Harper, Chairperson  
Streets & Sidewalks Committee**