

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Smolik called the Planning Commission meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present were members Jason R. Jacobs, Steve Ali, Council Liaison Bruce F. Abens, Vice-Chairwoman Jennifer Swallow and Chairman James Smolik.

Also present was Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, and Deputy Clerk of Council Michelle A. Owens (audio only).

Chairman Smolik announced that, though this was a virtual meeting, in accordance with the State of Ohio, public notice was issued to all abutting residences and was also posted on the City of North Ridgeville website. He stated that the meeting was live streaming to the City of North Ridgeville YouTube channel, which was being monitored for input from the public by the Deputy Clerk of Council Owens. He indicated that members of the Commission will be advised of any comments posted to the YouTube channel.

MINUTES:

Chairman Smolik asked if members had a chance to review the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPLICANT: Thomas “Jeff” Kadusky; MCI-Metro

12300 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133

OWNER: City of North Ridgeville – right-of-way

7307 Avon Belden Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

REQUEST: Installation of fiber optic conduit in the right-of-ways of Elyria Street and Main Avenue

LOCATION: Elyria Street right-of-way, extending from Lear Nagle Road to Main Avenue; then continuing south in the Main Avenue right-of-way to Center Ridge Road

Application was read.

Chairman Smolik stated that a representative was present. He asked that he state his name and address for the record and describe the project to the Commission.

James Pohlod, Project Manager, Foresite Group, 4817 Almond Way, Ravenna, Ohio, 44266, stated that the project was a proposed fiber optic path and duct, which would replace a piece of previously-permitted and aerially-placed fiber optic network placed aerially along Center Ridge Road from Main Street to Lear Nagle Road. Because of the road widening project taking place on Center Ridge Road, the poles on which fiber optics had been placed were removed permanently. He indicated that this created a need for a redesign and reroute of the fiber optic network; and their submittal is the proposed path to re-route those fiber optics.

Chairman Smolik asked for any questions or comments from the Commission. He then asked if there would be a pedestal that would stick above ground on the vault being installed at Station 3+06, which was in the right-of-way at the southeast corner of Main Avenue and Elyria Street.

Mr. Pohlod stated that it would not: It would be a ground-level vault.

Chairman Smolik clarified that there would be no obstruction to line of sight for people at the intersection.

Mr. Pohlod stated this was correct.

Chairman Smolik asked about the type of lid on the vault. He suggested that the lid be slip-resistant, should the City choose to eventually install sidewalks down Main Avenue and they fall within the vault.

Mr. Pohlod responded that it would be.

Chairman Smolik asked for any questions or comments from the Administration.

City Engineer Rodriguez asked Mr. Pohlod if he was able to install at least five feet away from the water line. He was concerned that, if there were a water break on Main Avenue, the City would have to contend with the installation of the conduit.

Mr. Pohlod understood and stated that it was placed as far back in the right-of-way as possible to provide enough clearance from the existing water utility.

Member Ali asked for clarification about the distance between the water line and the conduit.

Mr. Pohlod answered that it was between five and six feet.

Chairman Smolik asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Administration. No discussion was offered. He then asked for questions or comments from the public. He

indicated that these comments could be submitted using the live chat feature and, due to delays with live streaming, additional time would be given for discussion from YouTube viewers.

Deputy Clerk of Council Owens stated there were no questions or comments from viewers.

Chairman Smolik closed public comment. He asked for any additional questions or comments from the Commission.

City Engineer Rodriguez asked the representatives about the anticipated start date for installation. He discussed a current sewer project taking place on Main Avenue, Broad Boulevard and Pleasant Avenue. He believed it was currently on Main Avenue, which he expected would continue for a couple more weeks.

Frank Juliano, Permits Specialist, MasTec Utility Services Group, 7300 Northfield Road, Walton Hills, Ohio 44146, believed the project would not begin for at least three weeks. He stated that they would coordinate so as not to get in the way of the sewer project.

City Engineer Rodriguez stated they may be done on Main Avenue by that time. He wanted them to be aware of the sewer realigning in that area and make certain they would not get in the way.

Mr. Juliano was confident this would not be a problem.

Chairman Smolik asked for any further questions or comments. No discussion was offered.

It was moved by Swallow and seconded by Ali to approve the request as submitted.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 0

Chairman Smolik commented to the representatives that there would likely be a delay in receiving signed documents from the Planning Commission due to working remotely. He stated they would be contacted by Deputy Clerk of Council Owens when documents were available.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.



James Smolik
Chairman



Michelle A. Owens
Deputy Clerk of Council

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Date Approved