



May 31, 2016

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at DPW Headquarters, 301 Broad Street, at 5:11 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councillors Joel Kaddy (chair), David Clark, Paul Beauchemin
Committee Members Absent: Councillors Angelo Bisol, Jody Joseph
Others Present: DPW Commissioner Lenny Laakso
DPW Superintendent Gary Withington

Action taken as follows:

Petition 207-15: Kenneth J. Matson, President- Matson Homes, Inc.- To accept Downy Circle, located within the Parker Hill Subdivision, as a public way.

Discussion: The Engineering Division has advised that the street is not ready to be accepted- as-built plans have not been submitted and some grading needs to be done. The Committee voted, 3-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 181-15: Councillor Michael Kushmerek- To increase the height of a city-owned fence on Blossom Street between the intersection of Elm and Mechanic Streets.

Discussion: Commissioner Laakso distributed an e-mail (ATTACHED) from Councillor Kushmerek supporting a chain link fence to replace existing fence. Committee would like further clarification. The Committee voted, 3-0, to HOLD the petition.

Petition 086-16: Councillor Joel Kaddy- To install a chain link fence on Temple St. directly behind 60-62 Sanborn St.

Discussion: Councillor Kaddy explained that the fence would be installed on city property, continuing existing city fence line. Vertical drop is about 14 feet. The Committee voted, 3-0, to GRANT the petition.

Petition 105-16: Councillor Joel Kaddy and Gregory Therrien- To install a berm at 55 Hemlock Drive to control water run-off.

Discussion: Superintendent Withington stated that run-off has created a gully and is washing out the yard. The Committee voted 3-0 to GRANT the petition.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

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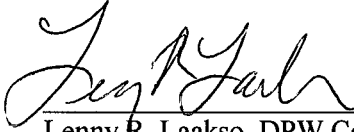
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Respectfully submitted,



Lenny R. Laakso, DPW Commissioner
Clerk of Committee

Att: E-mail from Councillor Kushmerek dated April 27, 2016

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File 2.3A

Laakso, Lenny

From: Michael Kushmerek <michael.kushmerek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Laakso, Lenny
Cc: Joel Kaddy
Subject: Re: Fence on Blossom St

Lenny,

I spoke with the property owner and I'd be in support of replacing the existing fence with a chain link fence.

best,

Mike

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From: "Laakso, Lenny" <LLaakso@fitchburgma.gov>
To: Michael Kushmerek <michael.kushmerek@yahoo.com>
Cc: Joel Kaddy <joelkaddy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 12:04 PM
Subject: Fence on Blossom St

Mike-

At the Public Works Committee last night, your petition was discussed for a higher fence on Blossom between Elm & Mechanic. The petition was held because we did not know the goal behind raising the height. Legally, we should have 42" minimum for fall protection. Would a chain link fence work? Are you trying to keep kids from falling through the opening between the rails?

Thanks,
Lenny

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