

The Board of Public Works meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, Indiana, with Kyla Cox Deckard presiding.

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

Present: Kyla Cox Deckard
Beth H. Hollingsworth
Dana Palazzo

ROLL CALL

City Staff: Adam Wason – Public Works
Michael Large – Public Works
April Rosenberger – Public Works
Paula McDevitt – Parks and Recreation
Jacquelyn Moore – City Legal
Sean Starowitz – Economic and Sustainable Dev.
Craig Shonkwiler – Planning and Transportation
Beth Rosenbarger – Planning and Transportation
Sara Gomez – Planning and Transportation
Russell White – Planning and Transportation

None

**MESSAGES FROM
BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**PETITIONS &
REMONSTRANCES**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2020**
2. **Approve Renewal with Airmarking Company to 2019 Pavement Marking Contract**
3. **Approve Renewal with Cargill Deicing Technology for 2018 Agreement for Enhanced Road Salt**
4. **Approve Renewal with Irving Materials to 2018 Agreement for Concrete Materials**
5. **Approve Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement with Duke Energy**
6. **Resolution 2020-09: Approve Use of Public Right-of-Way for 2020 Pridefest (Saturday, August 29th)**
7. **Approval of Payroll**

Hollingsworth made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Palazzo seconded the motion. Motion is passed. Consent agenda is approved.

Adam Wason, Public Works, presented Resolution 2020-15: Approve Mobile Vendor in the Public Right-of-Way (Big D's BBQ). See meeting packet for details.

Hollingsworth made a motion to Approve Resolution 2020-15: Approve Mobile Vendor in the Public Right-of-Way (Big D's BBQ). Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

Paula McDevitt, Parks and Recreation, presented Approve Partnership Agreement with Buskirk Chumley Theatre Management. See meeting packet for details.

Palazzo made a motion to Approve Partnership Agreement with Buskirk Chumley Theatre Management. Hollingsworth seconded. Motion is passed.

Sean Starowitz, Economic and Sustainable Development, and McDevitt presented Approve Temporary Closure of Lower Cascades Road. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked how the Parks Department will conduct the surveys. McDevitt explained there will be a lot of signage and the signage will have QR codes. That code will then take them to the survey. Residents can also call the Parks and Recreation office. Palazzo asked if there will be parking on both the north and south side of the park; McDevitt confirmed. There will be signage to let residents know of the extra parking spaces. Hollingsworth asked how residents will access the park through Miller Showers Park. McDevitt explained you can get access by taking N. College Ave. and parallel parking under the overpass on Old State Road 37. Cox Deckard asked if Planning and Transportation will be conducting a study to understand the impact in traffic. Beth Rosenbarger, Planning and Transportation, explained there is not a current count to go off of to compare to, but they are tracking some metrics to evaluate it. Cox Deckard asked if there is plan to do a pre-count of vehicle traffic; Rosenbarger confirmed. She explained during 2018 there was over 800 vehicles in two days in the month of May that would use

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2020-15:
Approve Mobile Vendor in
the Public Right-of-Way
(Big D's BBQ)**

**Approve Partnership
Agreement with Buskirk
Chumley Theatre
Management**

**Approve Temporary
Closure of Lower Cascades
Road (Friday, March 13th-
Wednesday, September
30th)**

Lower Cascades Road. Over 85 percent of the drivers were driving over 30 MPH. Cox Deckard asked if there would be any transit changes due to the road closure. Cox Deckard also asked if there are any future road work plans for N. Walnut St. Rosenbarger answered there are no current routes that go through Cascades Park. If this closure is successful, Rosenbarger added it could be evaluated in the future. Rosenbarger answered in terms of N. Walnut St. there are striped sidewalks and bike paths but agrees infrastructure could be improved, but it would depend on funding. Hollingsworth asked if there any school buses that go through Cascades Road; Rosenbarger said there are not. Palazzo wanted more information on the data of vehicular traffic. Rosenbarger elaborated on the counts in traffic and the percentage of residents speeding. Palazzo asked how they came to the conclusion to close the entire road. McDevitt said there were 212 responses to the survey and the responses were split 50/50. It was a safety issue that made them come to the conclusion to close the road entirely. Cox Deckard asked if the survey conveyed who commuted by bike and by vehicle. McDevitt said based on the survey, 126 said they commute by bike and 146 commute by vehicle. Palazzo asked how they came to the conclusion to close during the mentioned months. McDevitt said they wouldn't be able to get a good indication of the road closure outcome during the winter months, so they based it on warmer months when residents would really start to use that park.

Public Comment: Greg Alexander came to the Board to voice his support for this closure. He bikes quite frequently at this park and notices cars speeding. Being a parent he is terrified of cars speeding by. He said there aren't any other alternatives to bike safely with his kids in that area and would like to see the closure permanently.

Public Comment: Mark Stosberg, who serves on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, came to the Board to voice his support for this closure. He also is a parent who finds it quite stressful to bike with his kids in the park. He feels this will be a great asset that will make for a safe and enjoyable experience.

Public Comment: Janet Nichols came to the Board to voice her opinion on not being supportive of this closure. She has enjoyed this park for 65 years. It is an alternate route for those residents who live in the northeast part of the county. If for some reason Walnut St. were to be closed, they should have the option to use that route.

Public Comment: Sue Sgambelluri, from the Bloomington City Council, came to the Board to voice her support of this closure.

She wanted to thank the Board and the Parks Department for their support and communication of the closure. Most of the feedback she has heard from residents nearby the park has been positive. On Saturday, March 7th from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sgambelluri is holding a constituent meeting at City Hall to talk more about this closure and invites residents to come to voice their opinions and concerns.

Public Comment: Ian Yarbrough, who also serves on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, came to voice his support on the road closure. He also stated he notices the cars speeding through the park while enjoying time with his daughter. He said he is excited for this closure.

Board Comment: Palazzo wanted clarification on one of the issues that was mentioned from public comment on emergency vehicle situations and access. McDevitt said they have spoken to both City Central Dispatch and the Bloomington Police Department and they are all aware of the pilot closure. Hollingsworth asked if they are aware of alternative routes. McDevitt said they all have alternative routes and will be aware. Cox Deckard asked if the emergency response teams will be able to contribute to the study and how this will impact their response time. McDevitt said the emergency services, school corporations, IMI and the County Highway Department are all aware and will communicate any issues they have with this closure. McDevitt did want to mention there is a turnaround section identified on the south end to allow drivers who are parallel parked to get turned around. There are also preliminary plans the Parks Department has to build a side path connection from Miller Showers Park down into Cascades Park. They are just waiting for funding to help make those connections. Hollingsworth asked McDevitt if she can keep the Board posted on those side paths. Palazzo asked if residents will have enough notice of signage to let them know that access through Cascades Park will be closed; Wason confirmed. McDevitt also stated there will be signage at the golf course to inform those residents. Hollingsworth asked if the closure will have concrete barriers. Wason confirmed there will be proper closure barriers. Palazzo asked what most of the comments were prior to this meeting. McDevitt said she's gotten 4 emails that were in support of this closure. She also received a phone call from a gentleman who was confused on the closure; McDevitt explained to him in further detail. She is encouraging people to call and let them know one way or another. Cox Deckard asked when the next time this roadway will be in front of the Board. Wason said if this road will become a permanent closure that will be a larger discussion that would go in front of the City Council. Cox Deckard asked if the

plan is to reopen the road in September. Wason said that is to be determined. As the summer progresses, we will learn through data what the plan will be. Again, that decision will ultimately go to the City Council. Cox Deckard asked what the residents should do if they have questions or concerns about the road closure. Wason stated residents could call Public Works at 812-349-3410 and the Parks Department at 812-349-3700. Cox Deckard mentioned that she is intrigued by the public comments and concerns and what we can learn by this study. Hollingsworth could understand the safety issue the parents have when trying to enjoy the park.

Hollingsworth made a motion to Approve Temporary Closure of Lower Cascades Road. Palazzo Seconded. Motion is passed.

Sara Gomez, Planning and Transportation, presented Approve Acceptance of Public Improvements with Trades District. See meeting packet for details.

Approve Acceptance of Public Improvements with Trades District

Palazzo made a motion to Approve Acceptance of Public Improvements with Trades District. Hollingsworth seconded. Motion is passed.

Russel White, Planning and Transportation, presented Award Contract to Monroe LLC. for Right-of-Way Clearing for S. Sare Rd. Multiuse Path. See meeting packet for details.

Award Contract to Monroe LLC. for Right-of-Way Clearing for S. Sare Rd. Multiuse Path

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked White why he thinks there is a big discrepancy in the total cost. Craig Shonkwiler, Planning and Transportation, stated the low bidder had some concerns with lack of clarity with the bidding documents. We are only limited to allowing an overage of 20 percent, per state code. Staff is recommending Monroe LLC be awarded the contract and will likely come back to the Board for a change order. This project needs to be completed by March 31st. Any remaining work that needs to be done will be finished by the Public Works Department. Hollingsworth asked how many trees need cleared. Shonkwiler said there are 20 to 25 trees with underbrush. Palazzo asked if there was a reason we wouldn't go with the highest bidder, seeing as how we would pay the difference with Public Works jumping in to help clear trees. Shonkwiler explained the total price we'll pay Monroe LLC is still below the second bidder. Wason added that the work performed by Public Works crews would be very minimal. Hollingsworth asked if we have worked with Monroe LLC before. Wason stated that we had and addressed the previous concerns but are comfortable awarding the contract to Monroe

LLC. Hollingsworth asked if the work will start right away. Shonkwiler said by early next week work will start.

Hollingsworth made a motion to Award Contract to Monroe LLC. for Right-of-Way Clearing for S. Sare Rd. Multiuse Path. Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

Gomez presented Approve Request from AECOM for Sidewalk Closure Along N. Monroe Street. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Palazzo asked about the closure time. Gomez stated it will be a 24 hour close from the mentioned dates.

Public Comments: Greg Alexander came to the Board to state he is excited about the temporary crosswalk, but the crosswalk is at the wrong place. He stated the temporary crosswalk is at 12th Street. He believes there should be a proper walk around so students could have a safer route to walk to school.

Board Comments: Cox Deckard asked if there was an indicator to cross that would keep people from going in one direction. Wason stated there is a path that heads over on Orris Dr. and Blair Ave. that would be a viable option. Cox Deckard needed clarification on the location of the path. Wason stated this is only a couple week closure and they will work closely with the contractor.

Hollingsworth made a motion to Approve Request from AECOM for Sidewalk Closure Along N. Monroe Street. Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

Gomez presented Approve Encroachment Agreement with August Mack Environmental for Monitoring Wells and Gas Ports. See meeting packet for details.

Palazzo made a motion to Approve Encroachment Agreement with August Mack Environmental for Monitoring Wells and Gas Ports. Hollingsworth seconded. Motion is passed.

Approve Request from AECOM for Sidewalk Closure Along N. Monroe Street (Monday, March 23rd-Friday, April 10th)

Approve Encroachment Agreement with August Mack Environmental for Monitoring Wells and Gas Ports

Gomez presented Approve Request from Gilliatte General Contractors, Inc., for Sidewalk and Lane Closure on N. Morton St from W. 6th St. to W. 7th St. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked if this will be during Spring Break; Gomez confirmed. Palazzo asked if they will have to pay the parking meters at the new rate; Gomez confirmed.

Palazzo made a motion to Approve Request from Gilliatte General Contractors, Inc., for Sidewalk and Lane Closure on N. Morton St from W. 6th St. to W. 7th St. Hollingsworth seconded. Motion is passed.

Wason presented Approve Temporary Street Closure from IU on N. Walnut Grove St. and N. Forrest Ave. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Jason Banach, IU University, came to the Board to answer any questions. He stated 11th St. isn't going to be closed; that was depicted in the meeting packet, it will actually be Forrest Ave. on the westside and Walnut Grove St on the eastside. Hollingsworth asked if this will be a new building. Bob Richardson, Senior Architect from IU, came to the Board to talk in detail about the new building. Cox Deckard asked if there will be any closures on 10th St. this summer. Wason stated there will be some street paving. The MOT would not call out 11th St. for any detours. The official detours would be 17th St. and 3rd St. Banach stated they may come back to the Board for a small extension.

Hollingsworth made a motion to Approve Temporary Street Closure from IU on N. Walnut Grove St. and N. Forrest Ave. Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

Adam Wason, Public Works, presented Approve Request for City Sanitation Rate Increase. See meeting packet for details.

Board Comments: Hollingsworth asked about recycling of glass. Wason said it is still collected and processed. Cox Deckard asked if this increase is the top of the fee range; Wason confirmed. He went on to discuss the lack of information they weren't able to get from the original sanitation software program that went into place from 2017. The new contract we have in place with Routeware will hopefully give them the data they need by early April.

Approve Request from Gilliatte General Contractors, Inc., for Sidewalk and Lane Closure on N. Morton St from W. 6th St. to W. 7th St. (Monday, March 16th- Friday, March 20th)

Approve Temporary Street Closure from IU on N. Walnut Grove St. and N. Forrest Ave. (Thursday, March 5th- Monday, August 31st 2021)

Approve Request for City Sanitation Rate Increase

Hollingsworth made a motion to Approve Request for City Sanitation Rate Increase. Palazzo seconded. Motion is passed.

Wason wanted to announce the new Office Manager, April Rosenberger, to Public Works. In addition, Wason stated asphalt plans will be opening in early April. Big projects are coming up this summer. Though there are often inconveniences in traffic patterns, it is a necessity to keep investing in the infrastructure. There are big projects this summer Public Works is excited about. Some of the big projects are repaving 2nd St. from Patterson Dr. to I-69 that is a part of the Community Crossings grant program through INDOT. They will be working on Arlington Rd. from the roundabout up to Prow Rd., with a full repaving project also through the INDOT grant program. There will be pavement maintenance and crosswalk rehabilitation on Kirkwood Ave. INDOT will be out on E. 3rd St. for a full repaving project. These will have impacts on traveling but are necessary investments. Beyond construction there are plenty of animals needing homes at the animal shelter. Wason stated he will provide regular updates for residents.

**STAFF REPORTS &
OTHER BUSINESS**

Palazzo made a motion to approve claims in the amount of \$626,320.42. Hollingsworth seconded. Claims are approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Cox Deckard called for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Accepted By:

Kyla Cox Deckard, President

Beth H. Hollingsworth, Vice-president

Dana Palazzo, Secretary

Date:

Attest to: