



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018
City of Powell Municipal Building

Attendance: Heather Gonzalez, Melissa Riggins, Brendan Newcomb, Brian Lorenz, Frank Bertone, Jon Bennehoof, Steve Lutz, Kevin Moran and Rocky Kambo.

I. FIBER INITIATIVE DISCUSSION

Chairman Lorenz informed the Committee that he had been meeting with Telcom reps in the past months. He stated he thought it would be prudent for the Operations Committee to become more knowledgeable regarding fiber and to learn about the benefits of its installation. He stated that tonight's conversation was strictly going to be an introduction to fiber and that no action would take place in the coming months.

Rocky Kambo introduced the basics of fiber such as what is it? What are the options today? Do residents want it? What do they pay today? And why should we do it? Mr. Kambo then provided examples of who else has done it and what their time and cost implementation was. Finally, Mr. Kambo identified issues that the Committee could look into in the coming months including what would it cost to install in Powell? What would it cost to operate in Powell? Who pays for it? Where do we put it? And how long does it take to implement?

Jon Bennehoof inquired if the City could utilize AT&T fiber network? Mr. Kambo stated that AT&T rents conduit space but not fiber. Mr. Bennehoof reminded the Committee that Olentangy schools has implemented a fiber network and that might be a partnership the City could enter into in the future.

II. RADON DETECTION IN NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING CONSTRUCTION

Brendan Newcomb informed the Committee that he had read an article regarding cancer concerns linked to radon. He suggested the Committee investigate whether it would be wise for the City of Powell to require the installation of radon detection in new construction. He mentioned that Groveport, Dublin, Pickerington, Canal Winchester and Union County have implemented such requirements.

Chief Building Inspector Kevin Moran identified that in the late 90's radon detection was required pursuant to the international code but that it was moved to an appendix in future years. He stated the City could reference such code similar to what the City did with swimming pools last year.

The Committee directed Staff to work with the City Law Director and prepare legislation which could be reviewed by the Committee.

III. PARK NAME

City Manager Steve Lutz provided the Committee a proposed sign for the new park off Seldom Seen Road. The Committee approved the sign, which is identical to the existing

park signs. The Committee also recommended to City Council that the name of the new park be Seldom Seen Park.

IV. PRESIDENTIAL/SAWMILL INTERSECTION UPDATE

Brian Lorenz and Frank Bertone informed the Committee that some discussions had occurred between them and Township Trustee Shyra Eichhorn regarding the area of Presidential Parkway and Sawmill Road. A portion of this intersection lies within the City limits and a portion is within Township limits.

Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Bertone suggested they along with a Township Trustee and County Engineer Chris Bauserman meet in the near future to discuss improvements which could be made in this area to help lessen accidents. One topic which will be discussed at this meeting is the idea of lowering the speed limit on Sawmill Road from 35 MPH to 25 MPH.

V. 2018 COMMUNITY ATTITUDES SURVEY UPDATE

Steve Lutz informed the Committee that Saperstein and Associates would be testing the City's Community Attitudes Survey beginning on February 22nd. Saperstein and Associates planned to conduct the survey throughout the community the week of February 26th. It is anticipated that Marty Saperstein will be available to present the results of the survey in late March.

VI. CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS TRAINING SEMINAR

Steve Lutz informed the Committee that the City, along with the Delaware County Sherriff's office and Liberty Township Fire Department will present a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Training Seminar. This seminar will be open to the public and held on Monday May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

VII. REVIEW/DISCUSS SNOW REMOVAL MODIFICATIONS

Frank Bertone expressed concerns regarding the City's snow removal efforts. He commented that he thought the City's existing plan of focusing on primary streets first, secondary streets second and tertiary streets third should be reviewed and possibly modified to improve efficiency of snow removal in neighborhoods. Mr. Bertone agreed to meet with Staff and discuss this matter further in order to bring forward amendments to the plan in the future.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.