

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MAY 11, 2020
REMOTE MEETING DUE TO COVID-19**

Present: Councilmembers Rader, Bullock, & Shachner

Also Present: Councilmembers Neff, Litten, & Kepple, Public Works Director Ducu, City Engineer Papke, Fire Chief Dunphy, Clerk Bach taking minutes, Deputy Clerk Lascu, and members of the public

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Public Works & Sustainability Committee.

Without objection, Chairman Rader approved the minutes.

RESOLUTION 2020-28 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, approving the use of submerged lands for property located at and abutting 17428 Edgewater Drive, Lakewood, Ohio (a legal description of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and Exhibit “B”), in order to permit the owners the opportunity to undertake lakeshore protection measures.

Engineer Papke explained that he has been working on this issue with the property owner since 2019 and that Council is required to issue a resolution so that ODNR and EPA can proceed. Mr. Papke explained that the property used to have a living space that expanded out over the water and was taken down several years ago. Subsequently, the property owner submitted plans for new access to the Lake as well as a stone revetment to protect their land.

Councilmember Rader expressed support for allowing the property owner to improve and protect his land. He mentioned that he called the County and Lakewood’s state representative regarding the issue. He suggested additional resources may be available to the property owner by contacting the County Department of Public Works and the State. He expressed that all his questions have been answered.

In response to a councilmember’s question, it was clarified that this project is entirely on private land.

Councilmember Bullock remarked that federal agencies are frequently creating and revising multi-year plans related to shoreline erosion that would benefit the City to follow and/or participate in.

A motion made by Councilmember Rader, seconded by Councilmember Bullock to approve Resolution 2020-28.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Yeas: Bullock, Rader, Shachner
Nays: none

Motion passed. Resolution 2020-28 adopted.

Communication from Councilmember Rader regarding recycling

Councilmember Rader introduced his communication regarding recycling. His goals for the conversation are were to document the current status of recycling, discuss communications and education goals around recycling, and how to increase access to recycling in the City.

Director Ducu explained that the City previously disposed of recycling at the Cleveland transfer station for \$44/ton. When that Cleveland location stopped taking recycling the City began hauling it to the Waste Management facility in Oakwood for \$100/ton. At this time the City is preparing to go out to bid and will solicit bids from the four main players in the industry. It is forecasting that its new price could be approximately \$50/ton.

Director Ducu went on to state that Lakewood needs to recycle “cleaner” and that the City has issues with recycling being contaminated with trash. “Cleaner” recycling will lead to better rates for the City. Recycling facilities will often send an entire load to the trash if it sees non-recyclables mixed in. He suggested different communication and outreach efforts to help residents understand what is and isn’t recyclable.

Councilmember Shachner urged a focus on reducing and reusing as well and suggested working with restaurants to incentivize less plastic.

Councilman Rader stated that the Committee will reconvene on this topic to discuss the communications plans and to get additional information from the administration.

Without objection, the Public Works & Sustainability Committee adjourned at 7:32 p.m.