

Minutes from the Public Works Committee
Village of Waynesville Ohio
April 1, 2024

Committee Members present: Mr. Gallagher, Brian Blankenship, Connie Miller
Guests present: Mayor Isaacs, Joette Dedden, Anna Garafalo, Chris Hice, Chris Colvin
Staff present: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A presentation was given by Chris Hice and Anna Garafalo of the MOMS committee regarding proposed improvements along Main Street. The proposal included many more trees, improvement of the sidewalks including removal of the existing pavers, bike racks, and benches. Also included were lights in the crosswalks for both safety and beauty.

Chief Copeland suggested that the proposal had too many trees and needed to be scaled back a bit. Mr. Gallagher asked who would be responsible for the trees as that has been an issue in the past with existing trees. Chief Copeland said the trees would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Chief Copeland liked the idea of getting rid of the pavers and putting in stamped concrete sidewalks and stated that we need to co-ordinate any changes with the purchase and installation of new street lampposts. Mr. Gallagher wanted to make sure there were clear lines of responsibility drawn regarding the upkeep and asked if there were any towns with similar streetscapes that we could go look at.

Funding of such a project was discussed. Mr. Hice suggested there were grants available and that we needed a Downtown Improvement District defined.

Next steps were discussed. We need a better idea of total cost and of what grants may be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58

Submitted by Connie Miller