

VOL Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 04/25/2024 (via Zoom)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Carolyn Greenwald, and Larry Bieri

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM.

- Update on Sidewalk Policy and associated capital plan
 - Greenwald reported that no additional work has been done.
 - Sidewalk plan helps the Village budget for sidewalk projects in the upcoming Village plans.
 - Attendees discussed potential new sidewalk projects. Hardaway suggested that the Village has 3 candidates for the budgeting process.
 - All sidewalks require an engineering plan to ensure that the sidewalk installation will not interfere with below-ground infrastructure.
 - Attendees discussed a long-term plan for a sidewalk on Cayuga Heights Road. This project would be very expensive and would probably require NYS and Federal grant monies plus partnerships with adjoining municipalities.
 - Greenwald asked if Cornell is participating in the Tompkins County Joint Safety Action Plan for the SS4A Federal program.
 - Greenwald will look at a Village capital plan for next year's budget.
 - Bieri asked about walking shoulders on the Dart Drive project. Hardaway reported that there will be shoulders, but they will be much narrower.
 - Residents are complaining that the Cayuga Heights Road seems to be much narrower. Hardaway will check with John Courtney if it was narrowed. DPW will resurface

- Status of Tompkins Count Parks & Trails grant
 - Hardaway submitted a grant application for \$5,000 to replace Lansing Trails I wooden bridge with stone-edged trail over new culvert.
 - Hardaway sent pictures of the Marian Hartill Park culver/bridge as an example of what the Lansing Trails culvert will appear after installation.
 - Grant notification to be released early to mid May.

- Bieri reported that first house on Oakcrest is having issues with the “waterfall” installed during the stormwater installation and road resurfacing.

- Status of Village Comprehensive Plan
 - Greenwald asked if the Greenway Committee could support the Comprehensive Plan’s upcoming update.
 - Bieri agreed to update the Greenway section within the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Hardaway will contribute mayor’s comments within the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Greenwald described the process and plans to update the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Greenwald briefly described a planned survey for the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Hardaway mentioned that Legislator Deborah Dawson is trying to get buy-in at the county level (and Village level) for expanding workforce housing for Tompkins County.

The committee will skip the next two monthly meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.