

Industrial & Commercial Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2024
7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers

The Industrial & Commercial Development Committee met on Thursday, June 20, 2024. In attendance were Committee Members Louise Estep, Rick Tolles and Rachel Smith, along with Mayor John Berry and Administrator Chad Beyer. Also present were Councilmen Lynn Sylvain, Peggy Seab, Tom Huth, Karen Kingston and Paula McComb Gillespie.

Louise stated the meeting was scheduled to discuss parking in the business district. Directional parking signs were discussed with the placement being at Mill and Route 65 and Beaver and Route 65 to direct traffic to the South parking lot behind the businesses. There would be additional directional signs at the East and West end of the alley. Karen suggested the alley be made one-way since it isn't wide enough for two-way traffic. Chad stated that most, if not all, of the alleys are this width. Louise said the alley where the elementary school used to be is very busy in the summer with baseball traffic and cars just yield to each other.

“Public Parking Lot” signage was also discussed, and it was recommended that additional signs be purchased and replace current ones, if needed.

Chad was asked how many additional parking spots would be gained if the grassy area to the West of the current paved lot is stoned or paved. He stated that we would gain about 7 spots. Lynn stated that if we stoned or paved it, since this is in the flood plain, we would be in violation and prohibit the flow of water. Chad stated the area is 45' x 110' and to stone it, the cost would be approximately \$10,000 and if we paved it, the cost would be \$26,582. Louise asked if the current paved lot needs to be replaced and Chad said it did. The cost to resurface and pave both areas is \$42,476 and \$15,894 for just the current paved lot.

The Mayor reported there are approximately 192 parking spots in town with an additional 155-160 spots at the Library and Ball Diamond. He suggested when there are larger events, whoever is sponsoring the event, get a trolley to bring the visitors from those parking areas to the business district, like the Historical Society does for the Applebutter Festival. To educate the visitors, it was suggested the parking maps be put into the pamphlets the Chamber or businesses distribute.

The Mayor stated there is not enough room to put angled parking opposite the Huntington Bank, but there is a possibility of having parallel parking and gaining 2-3 spots. It is also possible to gain some angled parking on Route 65 in front of where the old hardware store was. Karen suggested that in the future, the Village look at a parking garage in the South lot behind the businesses.

It was decided that before we do anything with the South parking lot, Chad will work with Morelock to see if they can spec out the maximum number of spots we would be able to obtain. If they are not able to do this, he will contact a striping company or Council may contract with an engineer.

Chad was asked to get a couple of designs for the directional parking and to research the flood plain issue.

Estep then adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Estep
Chair, Industrial & Commercial Development