

Wynnedale Town Council Meeting

Minutes for August 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Vimal Mehta, Judy Hall, John Kincaid, Janet Gibson and Mary Beth Schneider

Kincaid discussed the road project the council is considering for sections of Roland Road, Knollton south of Wynnedale Road and the Wilshire/Knollton intersection. At the July meeting, the cost was pegged at \$78,000 plus a \$17,000 engineering fee.

There also was discussion of ongoing concerns of drug trafficking in a home in north Wynnedale, and we plans to discuss the issue with IMPD.

The council also noted the upcoming budget sessions for Wynnedale, and ways to more clearly present information to the public — including large graphics that show the neighborhood and the budget lines to help people follow along. A budget discussion will be held at the next meeting in September, with a vote by the council on the budget in October.

Public discussion:

Steve Coates — who brought to the meeting a large map of Wynnedale which the council hopes to use to assist in future budget/road project discussions — raised concerns about the cost of the road project. Coates said that when Wynnedale last repaved roads he had noted that the cost of \$65,000 for the whole neighborhood equaled the police costs. The cost of now repaving all the roads is about \$200,000, he said, which he called “way out of reach.” Coates noted that in his bicycle rides through the neighborhood he has noted few problems, and only one pothole, and applauded crack-filling maintenance.

But, he said, “we don’t need to spend the entire budget” tearing up streets that have “a few good years” left in them.

He also said that if roads are repaved, the town should also consider doing the driveway aprons and mailbox cut-outs so that the job looks uniform.

In other matters:

Coates asked about weed control for the esplanade and bird sanctuary, as well as fill dirt for spots where trees have fallen down and been removed. He is willing to do some work, but was reminded to get council approval for any expenses.

Speed limit signs were discussed as there is ongoing concern about speeding traffic in the neighborhood, but there was also concern about having many signs. In addition it was pointed out that the police can and have given out speeding tickets at times here.

Lastly on signs, Schneider is to check with the state about the possibility of a historic sign for Wynnedale, akin to one that Meridian Hills has.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. ---next meeting Nov 9, 2016

