

**RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
BOARD OF RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Public Hearing Kilburn Rd. Project**

June 4, 2018

The public hearing of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Andrew Bick at 6:00 p.m. at the Richfield Township Fire Station, 11450 Sylvania Avenue., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Andrew Bick – present
Co-Chairman: Steve Bettinger – present
John Hassen – present

Lucas County Engineer, Ron Myers read the project scope. Mr. Myers reported an open house was held on May 1, 2018 for interested parties to update them on the project. Representatives from the Lucas County Engineer, Toldo Metroparks, and the township were available to provide information, answer questions, and discuss the proposed project at the open house meeting. Three comments were read from residents that attended the open house.

Mr. Myers provided a brief history of the project; the project started with the idea to connect the bike path to Secor Metro Park.

Mr. Myers provide the project scope as follows: resurfacing of the existing 20 foot wide pavement, construction of 5 foot wide paved shoulders, construction of and/or replacing storm water sewers and catch basins, roadside grading, signing, pavement markings (which includes pavement markings for bike lines), repairing disturbed driveway approaches, and other related work. The work length is approximately 3 miles on Kilburn Rd. from Central Avenue to Sylvania Metamora Road. The project also includes improvements to drainage along the road. The existing pavement on Kilburn Rd. is 20 feet wide, with six-foot shoulders (2-foot stone, 4-foot turf). Most of the existing mailbox turnouts along Kilburn Rd are paved and approximately 4 foot wide.

Richfield Township, the Toledo Area Metroparks, the Lucas County Road and Bridge Fund, and Federal Transportation alternative Program funds obtained through the Toledo Area Council of Governments will provide the funding for the project. There are no assessments to abutting property owners for this project. Abutting owners will be compensated for any additional right of way needed for the project.

Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2020, pending acquisition of drainage easements and availability of the Federal and OPWC funding. The construction cost estimate is \$3,270,000 with a total project cost estimate of \$3,916,200. A minimum of 10% of the total project cost is required in local share from Richfield Township, now estimated at \$392,000. The Toledo Area Metroparks have committed \$75,000 towards the construction of the project.

The current construction estimate of the project has been adjusted for inflation. The project will be in three phases.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

All in attendance were asked to stand to be sworn in if they were planning on speaking at the public hearing. The Fiscal Officer performed the swearing in of those standing.

The meeting was opened for public comments.

Concerns were voiced over safety issues for walkers as well as bikers. Concerns included the danger of crossing Central Avenue into the park without a light as well as enforcing speeding on Kilburn Rd.

Mr. Myers stated there are many benefits to paved shoulders on rural roads including:

- Paved shoulders increase the safety of motorists.
- Paved shoulders also result in decrease the rate of normal roadway edge degradation, thus increasing road longevity and costs savings in maintenance.
- Paved shoulders also eliminate rutting of vehicles, which stray off the edge of the lanes.
- Paved shoulders provide a space for farm equipment and heavy vehicles to pass on rural roads.
- Paved shoulders minimize stones from the berms in resident's yards.
- Paved shoulders provide benefits to enhance the safety of cyclists, walkers, and joggers along the roadway.

A resident suggested placing rumble strips on Kilburn to slow down traffic and avoid the running of the stop sign.

Mr. Myers explained per state law, traffic control devices such as traffic signals are installed per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Traffic conditions at the intersection would have to meet at least one of the eight signal warrants.

A resident voiced that Toledo and Sylvania will benefit more than the township as they have more residents that will be using the path. He also felt Kilburn Rd. was no worse than other roads in the township.

Mr. Myers explained there were several residents on Kilburn Rd. that have drainage problems. This project will resolve these issues.

A resident asked if there is a drainage problem currently, Mr. Myers stated there is still a problem with drainage and flooding on Kilburn Rd. Mr. Kyle Warner (Lucas County Traffic/Design Engineer) explained there is significant problem areas with the ten-mile creek as well as drainage problems.

A question of funding was raised; the Fiscal Officer provided the balance funds of all road funds as follows:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	\$8440.00
Permissive Motor Veh. Lic. Tax Fund	\$86,881.00
Gasoline Tax Fund	\$471,924
Road & Bridge Fund	<u>\$197,610.00</u>
Total:	\$764,855.00

Trustee Bick stated the township has been saving funds for this project over the past several years.

Mr. Myers stated for every \$1.00 spent the township will get \$9.00.

A resident felt it would be better to use the money toward police protection versus this road project.

The Fiscal Officer explained per Ohio Revised Code money in the road fund can only be used for the purpose of the roads; you cannot use those funds for other projects.

A resident questioned the law pertaining to cyclist, the right of way. Mr. Myers stated a significant number of Ohio's traffic laws apply to bicyclists as well as to motorists. In addition, there are some laws that are directed towards bicyclists alone.

There were no further comments at this time.

Trustee Bick made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Kilburn Rd. Paved Shoulder Project (see-attached resolution 060418-01). Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-no. Resolution approved.

There being no further business Andrew Bick made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

