

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Improvements Committee Meeting**  
**July 16, 2007**

**Members:** Jerry James, Chair  
Debbie Ritzinger  
Terry Mader

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the June 4, 2007 and June 18, 2007 committee meetings were approved as submitted.

**Legislation Considered**

Subst. Temp. Ord. B-79  
Temp. Ord. B-101  
Temp. Ord. B-102

**Discussion:**

**Subst. Temp. Ord. B-79**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the construction of a multi-purpose trail on Wyoga Lake Road, and declaring an emergency.

Jennifer Syx stated this is for an eight foot wide bike and hike trail that will begin at Steels Corners on the east side of Wyoga Lake Road and end at Hardman Road. Bids were opened on June 26 and construction will begin in August. The trail will be a little over 1,000 feet in length. Phase II of this project will take the trail from Hardman Road to Seasons Road.

Mrs. Pyke asked if the trail would hook into any other trails. Ms. Syx stated they are talking to the Park to create a trailhead that would hook into a small trail that the Park has.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-79 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-101**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the demolition and removal of demolition debris from dangerous buildings located at 3104 Oak Hill Road and certifying the cost thereof to the County Fiscal Officer for collection in the manner provided by law and declaring an emergency.

Peter Bell stated that on June 21, they were asked by the Housing Division to look at a house located in the northwest corner of the City. They found nine issues and condemned the house. They have not talked to the owners because they have been unable to find them. The phone is shut off and there is no forwarding address. There is no chance of the house being considered for a historical landmark. Mrs. Truby stated to her knowledge, there were no complaints previous to this one. Mrs. Pyke asked what prompted the inspector to go inside the house. Mrs. Truby stated there were animals in cages that were left to die.

Mrs. Hummel asked if the house was occupied. Mr. Bell said it was not. There is no furnace, no water and, in fact, he wasn't sure where the water supply was. With regard to contacting the owners, he stated they mailed certified letters but the only contact they were able to make was with the previous owner, who is an aunt to the current owners.

Mr. Gorbach asked how the process works if you are unable to contact owners. Mr. Arrington stated if we could not get mail service, posting a notice is enough. There has to be some legal method and the assumption is that an owner has some interest in his property. Mr. Arrington added that any money the City spends will be certified to the property tax. Mrs. Pyke asked where the taxes are sent. Mr. Bell stated the only address the County has is the property's address and that the taxes are current.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-101 for approval.*

**Temp. Ord. B-102**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to execute a modification of the contract for repairs to the red, green and blue parking decks, and declaring an emergency.

Tony Demasi stated that one of the City's annual tasks is making repairs to the parking decks in the downtown district. The blue deck requires much more work than they can get to this year so they'd like to get the repairs done while the contractor is here.

*The Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Ord. B-102 for approval.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.