

**VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO**  
**10500 Reading Road**  
**Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF**  
**March 2, 2021**  
**4:00 pm, Municipal Building**

In attendance were Council members, Jeff Albrinck (Chair), Tom Sextro ,Beth McDaniel, and Cynthia Caracci, David Elmer, Kim Pielage, James Jeffers, Chris Paterson, Trisha Watts, and Jennifer Trowbridge from Red Tree Investments.

1. Finance- Cynthia Caracci
  - a. Jennifer Trowbridge from Red Tree Investments provided the committee with an overview on the economy with a focus on impact to VOE existing investments and expectations for future returns
  - b. Finance update- Earnings Tax receipts down approximately 30% for February, year over year. YTD receipts down 14%. Receipts over expenses YTD are \$155,096
  - b. Audit and Financial Report 2020 provided to the committee for review
2. Recreation- Kim Pielage
  - a. Department update- see attached report for all Recreation Center activities
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Fun in the Sun, pool operations are being evaluated due to anticipated COVID restrictions
  - d. There is an ordinance for morning attendant hire
3. Service/Engineering- James Jeffers
  - a. Department update- See attached report for full list of department activity
  - b. Mr. Hammond is recovering from his injuries
  - c. Towers update- The towers on I-75 are now under construction. Once the steel framing is completed on the south side, they will move over to the north tower with the installation of the precast tower forms to follow
  - d. Duke Pipeline Update- oral arguments on March 31 Ohio Supreme Court, expected to start in Evendale approximately June 1
  - e. Duke is conducting a survey of the electric poles for possible replacement
  - f. Ordinance to modify 258 /Mr. Mechley was mentioned by Mr Jeffers. The committee will meet at a later time to further discuss options.
4. GHF- Tricia Watts
  - a. See attached report for full list of department activity
  - b. Row by Row Dinner scheduled for August 21
  - c. Sunflower Festival scheduled for October 2 & 3Program update

5. Other Business- Mr Elmer

- a. Rezoning of PARCEL 611-0050-0066- 2nd reading
- b. Economic development update and REDI retention program
- c. Resolutions:
  - i. Annual resolution for Tax Increment Review Committee appointments
  - ii. MOU Hike/Bike trail

BY motion by Beth McDaniel and seconded by Tom Sextro, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 and councilmembers Chris Schaefer, Carolyn Smiley-Robertson and Bill Puthoff joined council members Albrinck, Sextro and McDaniel at request of Chris Patterson from Gorman Heritage Farm who requested an audience of the combined committees to request consideration of possible financing assistance to purchase union hall for use by farm and other partnered 501c3 organization. Discussion of issues and concerns followed with no formal decision on VOE participation.

*\*\*Cicadas will Impact May and June Outdoor Programming,  
Events and Shelter House Rentals\*\**

### **Current Programs Offered**

- Winter Wonderland Display on Glendale-Milford Road through February 28
- Great Snowflake Adventure with Olaf; outdoor scavenger hunt
- Childcare
- Evendale Rooms re-opened with limited seating and COVID restrictions
- Spring Sport sign-ups were held in January and February. Evendale has seven teams of soccer, four baseball (T-ball to D2 age groups.) We did not have enough for any girls softball teams this year.
- Golf Leagues are forming and we are able to add two times to our Wednesday Glenview league which will allow more residents to play.
- Open Gym for Kids and Families – North Gym and Flex Room being used
- FITMEES February Incentives for Members
- Phi Lambda Pi Open House activities have included Sledding & Hot Chocolate, Random Acts of Kindness, Hockey and S'more's. Attendance has been as high as 32 teens.
- Zoom Time Children's Program; eight children participating via Zoom with Abby and Miranda (crafts, activities)
- Silver Sneakers Move!, Stability, Strength and Balance Class & Group Exercise Classes
- Book Club
- Pickleball in the North Gym
- Men's Lunch Time Basketball
- GE Basketball Rentals and Open Gym
- Monthly Adult Emails and/or Mailings

### **Upcoming Events**

- Municipal Complex Egg Hunt – March 27; three options for Residents; Outdoor Wee Egg Hunt, Outdoor Family Egg Hunt, or a Home Kit to go.
- Mommy and Me Children's Programs; begin March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Adult Spring Programming; survey sent out to determine interests
- Free Yoga at the Pavilion in April

\*No Recreation Commission Meeting in February

Village of Evendale  
Service Department/Engineering  
Monthly Report  
March 2021

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1. Special Activities of Note – The list of activities for the month are attached, but some items will be pointed out in this section.
  - a. Traffic Island Landscape Maintenance –The contractor has begun prepping the islands for the spring. In addition, we are working on a concept plan for landscape beds to be installed on Inwood to separate the commercial from residential areas.
  - b. Service Department Foreman – Mr. Asbrock has assumed the Foreman position.
  - c. Bill Mechley transition – I will be sending out a revised proposal for revisions of Chapter 258 to account for the proposal to retain Mr. Mechley.
  - d. Tim Hammond Injury – On February 5<sup>th</sup>, while working in the wood shop, a piece of lumber being cut, “kicked’ out of the table saw and struck Tim in the right eye. He had an initial surgery that same day and had a follow up surgery on February 26<sup>th</sup> to clean up some of the dried blood. The doctors are cautiously optimistic that Tim will recover, but we await the results of the follow up surgery. The Service Department is taking measures to bring the saw into compliance with current standards.
  - e. Shred/Recycling Day – The 2021 Evendale Shred/Recycling Day will be held on April 24 from 9 am to Noon.
  - f. Equipment Maintenance –
    - i. Tandem Dump Truck – The cab and chassis for the tandem has been completed. Henderson is currently installing the dump body, controls, snow equipment, etc. It is anticipated that this will be delivered around April.
    - ii. Bucket Truck – During the routine inspection of the bucket truck, there were several items that needed to be replaced or repaired. The truck is currently being serviced to perform this work.
    - iii. The current snow and ice report is included at the end of this report. So far this year we have used approximately 1500 tons of salt, nearly double our average over the past 8 years.
    - iv. The crew is transforming the former water truck to a project vehicle for catch basin repairs and other projects.
  - g. Miscellaneous projects – The crews have been addressing several miscellaneous projects throughout the Village. This will include catch basin repairs, dead tree trimming, Greenbelt maintenance, etc.
    - i. Chipping/Special Pickups –This work continues weekly. Temporary suspension of this program may occur if we have snow events over the

weekend or early in the week. We need to convert the truck for snow removal.

- ii. Recreation Pavers – The crew replaced the pavers at the patio outside the Phi Lambda Pi room.
- iii. Animal Control – We had a service trap and remove a family of squirrels from the roof system above the fitness center. A total of 5 were trapped including to pregnant females.
- iv. Founders Pavilion Stone Wall – We are working on final quotes for this work.
- v. Storm Work - The crews have replaced 3 catch basins along Medallion Drive. We will continue to replace these systems as weather permits.
- vi. The crew has removed the trees that had fallen in the Mill Creek.
- vii. BTAP stage – The Service Department has installed the conduits for electric and Audio Visual equipment. The AV firm should be out in the next week or so to install the wiring and connections in order to finish the stage project.
- viii. Annex Building fencing – The crews will be replacing the wood fencing along the drive to the Service Annex Building behind the Police Garage.
- ix. Asphalt Patching – Due to the extreme snow/ice some of our streets have potholes or stripping of the surface. We are preparing a list of areas to be addressed. As weather permits we will be patching streets.

## ENGINEERING

1. Thru the Valley/I-75 – The project has entered the winter shut down. It is anticipated that work will resume in spring to complete the project. The electrical contractor has been continuing with operations as weather permits.
2. Decorative Bridge Railings – The illuminated letters are now illuminated. Photos are attached. Thanks to Randan for flying his drone to capture this photo.
3. Glendale Milford Road Bridge Towers – Pepper has begun the steel erection on the southwest tower. It is anticipated that the steel will be completed on this tower on March 10 and the steel erection crew will move to the northeast tower. The precast installation crew will start installation on the southwest tower.
4. AeroHub Phase II – We are nearing the end of the process with Cincinnati Water Works. The contractor has installed the base course of asphalt and the road was opened for traffic on December 28th. Once approvals are granted by CWW, the contractor will install the water mains and we should be able to final surface the road in the spring.
5. AeroHub Site Grading – Bayer Becker Engineering has begun preparation of the construction documents for this project. It is anticipated that this will go out for bids in April.

6. Duke Energy Pipeline – The contractor is to begin installation of the pipeline in Blue Ash, beginning on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Work in the Village of Evendale is scheduled to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Closures of Glendale Milford will be required for through traffic, although a minimum of one lane will be available for emergency access and residents who live in the sections being worked. The Maintenance of Traffic Plan breaks the project into phases along Glendale Milford (i.e. Plainfield to Sharondale, Sharondale to Giverney, etc.) I will be posting this plan on the Village website once it is received.

The Ohio Supreme Court has called for oral arguments at the end of March. However, they did not issue an injunction against Duke, so they can proceed at their own risk, pending a determination. I am of the opinion that Duke feels the risk to be small, so they are continuing with the process of starting work. For instance, they have already paid the Village \$182,000 for the easement of the soccer fields between the Service Department and Fine Arts Center. If they are willing to pay for these easements before a ruling indicates that they are confident that the Court will rule in their favor.

Duke has issued and will continue to issue newsletter and letters to affected homeowners along the route. As additional information is received we will be posting the information on the Village website. See attached.

7. Duke Pole Replacement Project – We were also notified that Duke intends to replace a series of poles on the north side of Wycarver and heading south across Glendale Milford to the residential area behind Braewood, Sherbrook, Kingsport and Cooper. This work is scheduled for later this year.
8. Mohler Road Property –I am working on the surveying of this lot. The surveyor has requested that this work be performed after most of the leaves have fallen.



VILLAGES OF EVENDALE

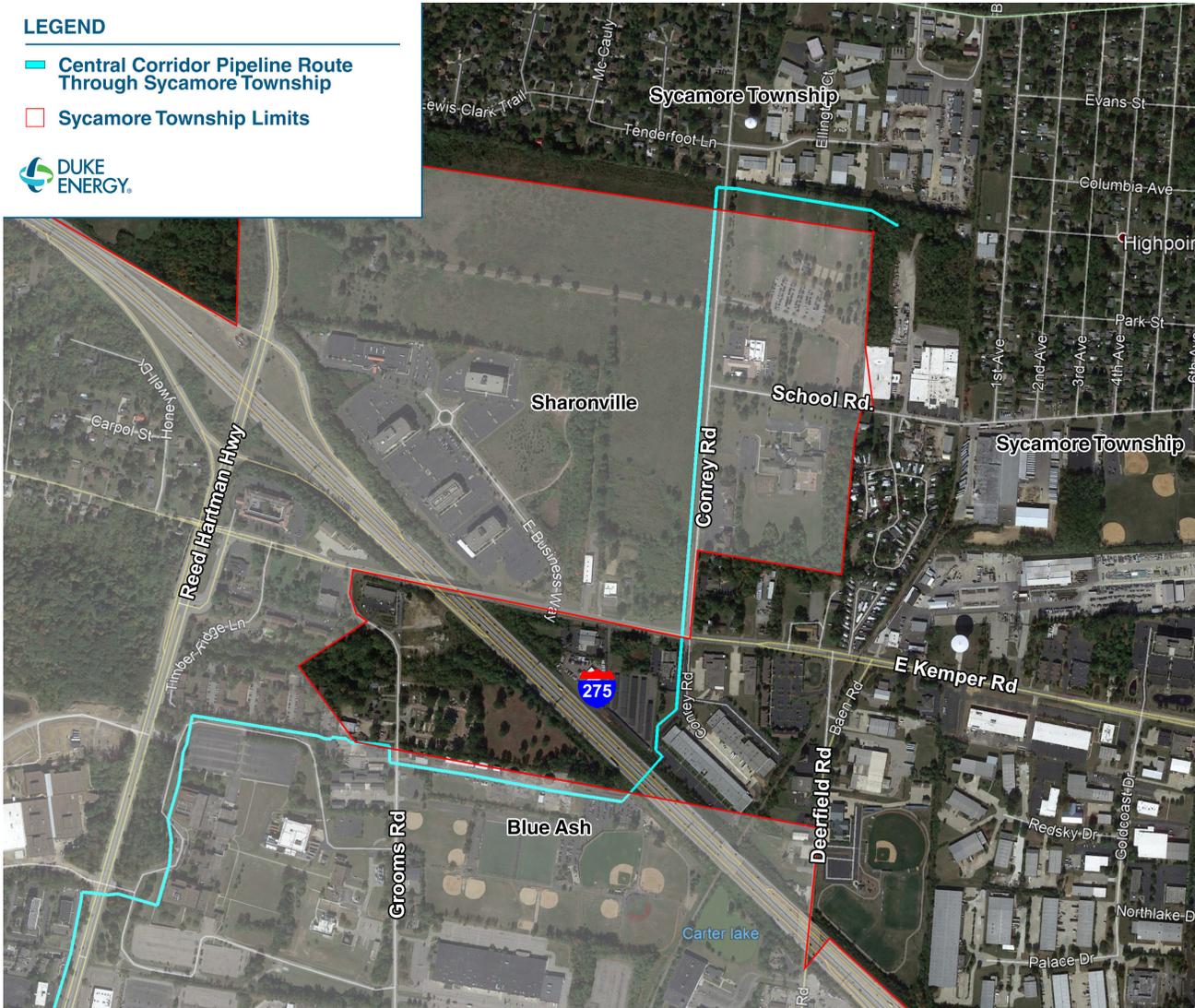
Picture from February 26, 2021  
Approximate height of steel installed is 50 feet.  
Top of roof is proposed at 66 feet.



# Sycamore Township

**LEGEND**

-  Central Corridor Pipeline Route Through Sycamore Township
-  Sycamore Township Limits



 **Pipe Length (feet):**  
915

 **Impacted Streets and Schedule:** Conrey Road

Crew will begin work on east side of Conrey Road in the northeastern part of the soccer fields and head west. Estimated time to complete is end of March.

Crew will then work on the west side of Conrey Road and work south to Kemper Road (horizontal directional drill). Estimated time to complete beginning of May.

One lane of traffic will be affected with flaggers and intermittent road closures for short periods of time on Conrey Road when loading or unloading is required for safety from 7a.m.-7p.m. Monday through Saturday.





## Executive Director's Report March 2021

- The Farm remains open to the public. Masks are required inside and when within 6' of another person outside.
- Preschool Story Hour, 3 sessions per week, sold out for February and March.
- Summer Kids Camp is 76% sold out with a waiting list, even with extra camps added to meet demand. Registration began 2/1.
- CSA shares were expanded for 2021 and are sold out. Rental Gardens are full. Cutting Garden subscriptions are selling well.
- Upcoming Community Classes include: Sap Wine Making, Family Field Trip Day - Local Ohio History, Birding at the Farm, and Summer Farm Tours
- New phone system to be installed in March
- New website in the works
- Switch to Stockyards Bank in progress
- Exploring available Employee Retention Tax Credits
- New (grant funded) Market Garden Fence to be installed, weather permitting
- Save the Date!
  - Row by Row Dinner August 21, 2021
  - Sunflower Festival October 2 & 3, 2021