
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

October 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Elected officials present were: Mr. Ken Bryant, Mr. Phil Beck, Ms. Jodie Leis and Mr. Joe Grossi.

Also present: Kim Lapensee – Administrator, Bill Pitman – Public Works Director and Dan Springer – LJB Consultants.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Snider Road and Hopewell Road Bridge Replacement Design Proposals – Mrs. Lapensee stated that Dan Springer is here tonight with LJB Consultants to go over the design proposals for the bridge replacements with the board.

Mr. Dan Springer stated that he met with Mrs. Lapensee and Mr. Pitman last month and they came up with some different designs for the bridge for the board to review. He stated that this fencing is aesthetically pleasing and ODOT will approve of it. He stated that we started with focusing the logo and name in the middle of the bridge vs each side of the traveling lanes and then they shifted “township” from the bridge parapet up to the fence and added the leaves. Mr. Bryant wanted to know if the fencing with be curved? Mr. Springer stated no, and the fence will be on both sides. He stated that Snider Road does not have sidewalks and the standard height for the fence will be 8’-0” and the portion where the logo and name will be is 12’-0” tall. He stated that Hopewell will be the same height on the one side, but the other side where the sidewalk is going to be located will have to be taller, so we do not have to put the curve in it. He stated that the minimum will be 12’-0” and it will be 16’-0” tall with the logo in the middle. He stated that you won’t be able to tell its taller as you drive down the road. Mr. Bryant asked if we could blend from the 8’-0” to the 12’-0” (like steps on each section). Mr. Springer stated that he will have his architect draw another rendering and send it to us.

Mr. Grossi asked about having a black fence vs green. He stated that he believes it will pop more with black. Ms. Leis asked if we would have to paint the fence over time. Mr. Springer stated that we will have to enter into a maintenance agreement with ODOT for the fence, but he does not believe it will require much maintenance. He stated that it should last 25 to 30 years. Mr.

Beck asked if we would receive a 30-year warranty on the paint? Mr. Springer stated that we could include that in the bid.

Mr. Pitman suggested that we do a black fence with a green lettering with a background behind it to make it pop. Ms. Leis asked what Green Township has on I-74. Mr. Pitman stated that they did a black fence with green lettering with an outline (yellow). Ms. Leis stated that if we are going to do a black fence then we should have green lettering. Mr. Springer stated that he is not sure if the green lettering would show up on a black fence. Ms. Leis asked if he could do multiple colors and send us the rendering so they could see what it would look like with the leaves (definite).

Mr. Pitman asked if we could do the same height on both sides of the Hopewell bridge. He stated that it would look better, and the logo should be the same size.

Mr. Springer asked if everyone was okay with the design of the parapet – Ashlar Stone – instead of just the plain parapet or they could have the dry stack stone. Everyone agreed that they like the Ashlar Stone. Mrs. Lapensee stated that the Ashlar Stone is a baseline provided by ODOT and we would not have to pay for that upgrade. Mr. Springer stated that he will check with ODOT on making sure they will deduct the cost of a portion of the fence that they would have provided without the upgrade.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Leis. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved:

Ken Bryant, Board President

Jodie Leis, Vice-President

Philip J. Beck, Trustee