

## **AGENDA**

### **Traffic Committee Meeting**

**March 16, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Lower Level Conference Room – Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – January 20, 2016

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43637 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038
4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43623 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-039
5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43609 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-040
6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43595 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-041
7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5990 Adams – Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001
8. Public Comment
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

cc: Item 3-6: Artil Leo, South Hampton Builders, PO Box 934, Birmingham, MI 48012  
Properties within 300'

Item 7: Edward Mancini, 6850 Nineteen Mile, Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
Properties within 300'

Traffic Committee Members

Captain Robert Redmond & Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department

Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department

William J. Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

## **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

### **MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS**

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic crashes.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 43637 Dequindre – Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038**

Artil Leo requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 43637 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038). Mr. Leo states “*New Roadway/In Right of Way. Scheduled*”.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends approving this waiver request per the attached memo.

This section of Dequindre Road (Long Lake to Ranieri) is scheduled for widening and reconstruction to 5-lanes in 2017. An eight (8) foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed as part of the road project in areas where it does not exist and/or is in need of repair/replacement to provide a continuous sidewalk, on the west side of Dequindre.

The required sidewalk could be constructed as part of the new home construction, but the future road construction on Dequindre could damage or require removal of the sidewalk due to utility work or grade changes in the right-of-way.

If a sidewalk waiver is granted, it is recommended that the petitioner be required to provide a cash payment in lieu of sidewalk construction for the future construction of the sidewalk. These funds would be transferred to the Capital Fund and applied to the future widening and reconstruction of Dequindre.

The applicant may also satisfy the requirements of a cash payment by conveying the necessary sixty (60) foot right-of-way along Dequindre Road by warranty or quit claim deed.

### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **WHEREAS**, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Artil Leo has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on the Dequindre widening and reconstruction project, anticipated in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A waiver will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43637 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038) contingent upon the submittal of a cash payment by the applicant or conveyance of the right-of-way to the sixty (60) foot line.

- 2. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **DENIES** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43637 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-038).

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2. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **DENIES** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43623 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-039).

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2. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **DENIES** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43609 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-040).

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- 2. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **DENIES** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 43595 Dequindre (Sidwell #88-20-01-430-041).

**7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5990 Adams – Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001**

Edward Mancini requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5990 Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001). Mr. Mancini states “*Since additional plantings were provided for the Sunoco pipeline area, there are space restrictions to accommodate the public sidewalk for Arlund Way.*”

*Also since the sidewalk was waived for the Sussex road, the Arlund Way sidewalk will not connect to a paved road or a sidewalk that is accessible by anyone. There is also concern with the storm water flow in that area if the existing culvert and ditch is relocated’.*

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends approving this waiver request per the attached memo.

A sidewalk waiver on Sussex was considered and granted by the Traffic Committee at the meeting of July 16, 2014. The proposed sidewalk along Arlund Way was not part of the petitioners request at that meeting.

The City Planning Director has provided additional information on the Sunoco Pipeline Main Line Valve (MLV) site in the northeast section of the site as it relates to the sidewalk along Arlund Way.

### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **WHEREAS**, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Mancini has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on Arlund Way based on space restrictions due to landscaping associated with the Sunoco Pipeline MLV site, no connection to other sidewalks and storm water flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A waiver will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 5990 Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001), along Arlund Way, as part of the Oakland Troy Senior Facility at the corner of Adams and Square Lake Road.

2. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee **DENIES** a waiver

of the sidewalk requirement for 5990 Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001) along Arlund Way, as part of the Oakland Troy Senior Facility at the corner of Adams and Square Lake Road.

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Tim Brandstetter  
Richard Kilmer  
Al Petrusis  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Absent: David Easterbrook  
Mitch Huber

Also present: Bruce Papet, 1382 Alameda  
Pat Hurley, 1340 Hollins Hall  
Bradley Pearsall, 4421 Forsyth  
Les Marhoff, 4229 Forsyth  
John & Carol Taylor, 4165 Forsyth  
Bob & Sue Schumann, 4321 Forsyth  
Dale Brown, 4333 Forsyth  
Fred Szemyak, 4197 Forsyth  
Jim Nagy, 1314 Alameda  
Stacie Greslick, 1387 Alameda  
Mirela Balmus, 4476 Forsyth  
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department  
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department  
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – November 18, 2015**

Resolution # 2016-01-01  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Petrusis

To approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as printed.

Yes: Brandstetter, Kilmer, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Easterbrook, Huber

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3. Request for DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION – Rochester Road at Alameda**

Bruce Papet of 1382 Alameda Boulevard requests a “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” sign at the intersection of Alameda Boulevard and Rochester Road.

Traffic Engineering received five (5) emails and two (2) phone calls prior to the meeting that supported the installation of “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” signs at Rochester Road and Alameda Boulevard.

Mr. Papet was in attendance at the meeting and stated his support for a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign for northbound Rochester Road. He explained that it is difficult to exit onto Rochester Road between 4:00-7:00 PM. Sundays are even more challenging due to Woodside Bible Church traffic on Rochester Road. He further explained that attempting to pull out onto Rochester Road to head southbound is very difficult and creates a hazardous situation for many drivers. Mr. Papet provided pictures of the backups that occur at this location which at times can extend from South Boulevard to south of Alameda Boulevard. He would like a sign like the one that exists at Rochester Road and Fairways Boulevard.

Mr. Jim Nagy of 1314 Alameda supported the statements made by Mr. Papet and added that traffic patterns in the area make access to and from Alameda Boulevard to Rochester Road difficult at best. Woodside Bible Church traffic is extremely heavy and adds to the situation when events or services are held at the site. He asked about placement of the sign due to the deceleration lane to Alameda Boulevard [the sign would be placed near the start of the tangent section, just north of the taper, on the deceleration lane, pending clearance of utilities]. Mr. Nagy added that the commercial businesses on the west side of Rochester Road contribute to the traffic issues in this area.

Mr. Pat Hurley presented himself as the president of the Homeowner’s Association. He reports that he has taken several concerns from residents regarding the difficulty of accessing Rochester Road. The issue is primarily during the evening peak hour (i.e. 4:30 – 6:30 PM). He questioned whether there were options that are available at Woodside Bible Church to limit or alter the traffic patterns on the site to restrict exiting traffic to only the south, signalized, drive approach. He feels that this would provide more gaps on Rochester Road and allow for residents on Alameda Boulevard the opportunity to exit/enter from their homes. [Discussions in the past with Woodside Bible Church on traffic during their events/services utilizing both drives to Rochester Road is necessary in order that departing guests can get out of the site and entering guests can get into the site. The traffic signal on Rochester Road at Woodside Bible Church is a private signal, paid for by the church. Operation is typically restricted to large events on nights or weekends as approved by the City].

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked about the long term plans for Rochester Road in this area. This section of Rochester Road is not planned for widening due to the right-of-way that would be needed as well as the proximity to the M59 ramps. A 6-lane boulevard would need to be carried through the South Boulevard intersection and would impact the M59 ramps by the time the boulevard section would taper back to meet existing Rochester Road, north of South Boulevard.

Sgt. Szuminski discussed the issues at this location. Residents are forced to use the center turn lane to merge into traffic. The center turn lane is not to be used for merging, but there really is no other way to complete a turn at this location. The police department will enforce

the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign when officers are not on higher priority calls.

Ms. Wilsher asked about pavement markings. Winter weather makes placement of pavement markings at this time unrealistic. The sign will be placed, assuming concurrence and approval of the Traffic Committee recommendation by City Council, and monitored for compliance. If the issue does not improve, then pavement markings will be investigated.

Mr. Brandstetter noted that traffic can and does back up from South Boulevard through Alameda Boulevard.

Mr. Petrulis asked about traffic signal timing at South Boulevard as well as at Woodside Bible Church. The signals are monitored and operated by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). The City works directly with the RCOC when a request is made by the church for a large event or weekend service. The RCOC has looked at this area numerous times and will continue to be notified for events at the church to activate the traffic signal at Woodside Bible.

Mr. Kilmer noted that there is a similar sign on Livernois at Hickory. He stated that about 80% of drivers comply with the sign.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed traffic signal timing during the peak hour at Rochester Road and South Boulevard and wondered if there could be some changes made by the RCOC that would improve the situation for Rochester Road traffic.

Resolution # 2016-01-02

Moved by Petrulis

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign be **APPROVED** for installation on northbound Rochester Road at Alameda Boulevard.

Yes: Brandstetter, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Easterbrook, Huber

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. Residential Speed Control – Forsyth, north of Wattles**

Les Marhoff of 4229 Forsyth contacted the Traffic Engineering Department with concerns regarding speeding on Forsyth, north of Wattles. Forsyth is a straight section of road that is approximately ½ mile long and provides a direct connection to Hill Elementary. The posted speed limit is 25 mph.

Mr. Fred Szemyak of 4197 Forsyth stated that he has lived on Forsyth for 47 years. The speed concerns came about after Forsyth was paved. He stated that there are more cars on the street than residents or than attend Hill Elementary. He would like to see more enforcement by Troy Police during the school arrival/dismissal times. He would like to see

another speed limit sign placed mid-way between Wattles and the school. He does not want speed bumps/humps placed. Mr. Szemyak did ask about cutting grooves in the pavement (similar to rumble strips) to provide an audible cue to drivers about their speed.

Mr. Brad Pearsall of 4421 Forsyth stated that there are 21 children that live within 4 houses of the school. Speeds were better when Forsyth was gravel. There are no sidewalks. We need to slow down traffic.

Mr. Dale Brown of 4333 Forsyth states that the problem is constant with traffic to and from the school. Traffic is coming in slower than leaving on Forsyth. He has witnessed cars passing the school bus when it is stopped with the red flashers on. Speeding has been an issue for quite some time.

Mr. Les Marhoff of 4229 Forsyth discussed that Forsyth is ½ mile long with no other intersections. Two (2) deer were hit recently. There are no sidewalks along Forsyth and does not see that sidewalks could be installed easily due to the large drainage ditches. He stated that 50% of the traffic is exceeding 25 mph. He would like to see a flashing speed limit sign during school hours. He would also like to see an additional speed limit sign mid-block.

Ms. Carol Taylor of 4165 Forsyth agrees that something needs to be done. She stated that the police have been on Forsyth before and traffic/speeds are better when police are visible. This issue is also present during the summer months when school is not in session. There are new families moving into the neighborhood with small children and she is concerned for their safety. She has witnessed cars racing down Forsyth.

Mr. John Taylor of 4165 Forsyth added that they are open to any ideas that would slow people down.

Ms. Mirela Balmus of 4476 Forsyth added that they recently moved into a home on Forsyth and have small children. She notices a lot of cars speeding and the Stop sign at the school is routinely ignored.

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked if the existing speed limit sign on northbound Forsyth is in the correct location. [A field review does show that it is placed appropriately]. He stated that there is no speed limit sign on southbound Forsyth. He asked about using rumble strips.

Mr. Brandstetter responded that rumble strips lose their effectiveness over time as drivers get used to them.

Mr. Ziegenfelder continued that he would like to see two (2) speed limit signs in each direction on Forsyth.

Ms. Wilsher stated that cars are flying down the road during the times she has been in the area. She asked about sidewalks.

Mr. Brandstetter asked about relocating the existing speed limit sign to make it more visible. He discussed the speed study and the fact that speeds are highest during school arrival and

dismissal. He discussed speed humps and/or a physical deflection of the road would be the most impactful solution, but would also be paid for by residents. [Residents in attendance at the meeting were not in favor of physical changes].

Sgt. Szuminski discussed the difficulties that the police department has in assigning officers to patrol any one area in the city during peak hours. The police department is approximately 35% smaller than it was and one area that was hit especially hard was the Traffic Safety unit. Previously there were 10 officers assigned to traffic duties. Now there are five (5) officers who do it all and during the peak hour, higher priority calls must be attended to. Troy Police will provide extra patrol in this area when officers are not on higher priority calls.

Resolution # 2016-01-03  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Brandstetter

RESOLVED, that two (2) 25 mph speed limit signs, in each direction, be **APPROVED** for installation on northbound and southbound Forsyth, between Wattles and Hill Elementary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Troy Police Department provide extra enforcement on Forsyth when not on higher priority calls; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a follow-up speed study be conducted in May 2016 to review the results of the new signage and police enforcement on Forsyth. The resulting speed study is to be brought back to the Traffic Committee at the June 2016 meeting.

Yes: Brandstetter, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Easterbrook, Huber

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. 2016 Meeting Schedule**

According to City of Troy Traffic Committee By-Laws, Article IV – Meetings:

*“Regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan.”*

There are no other by-laws or procedures that establish the actual dates of the meetings, but an annual calendar of meetings is published by the City so meeting dates need to be set for this purpose.

Resolution # 2016-01-04  
Moved by Brandstetter  
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **SHALL HOLD** Regular Meetings in 2016 according

to the following schedule at 7:30 PM:

- Wednesday, February 17
- Wednesday, March 16
- Wednesday, April 13 (April 20 conflict with City Council Budget Session)
- Wednesday, May 18
- Wednesday, June 15
- Wednesday, July 20
- August – NO MEETING
- Wednesday, September 21
- Wednesday, October 19
- Wednesday, November 16
- December – NO MEETING

Yes: Brandstetter, Kilmer, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Easterbrook, Huber

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

**7. Other Business**

Mr. Ziegenfelder reported that the traffic signal on eastbound Long Lake onto Corporate goes red when there is no traffic present. This was noted to occur on Saturday and Sunday after 7:00 AM. The issue will be reported to the RCOC for investigation.

**8. Adjourn**

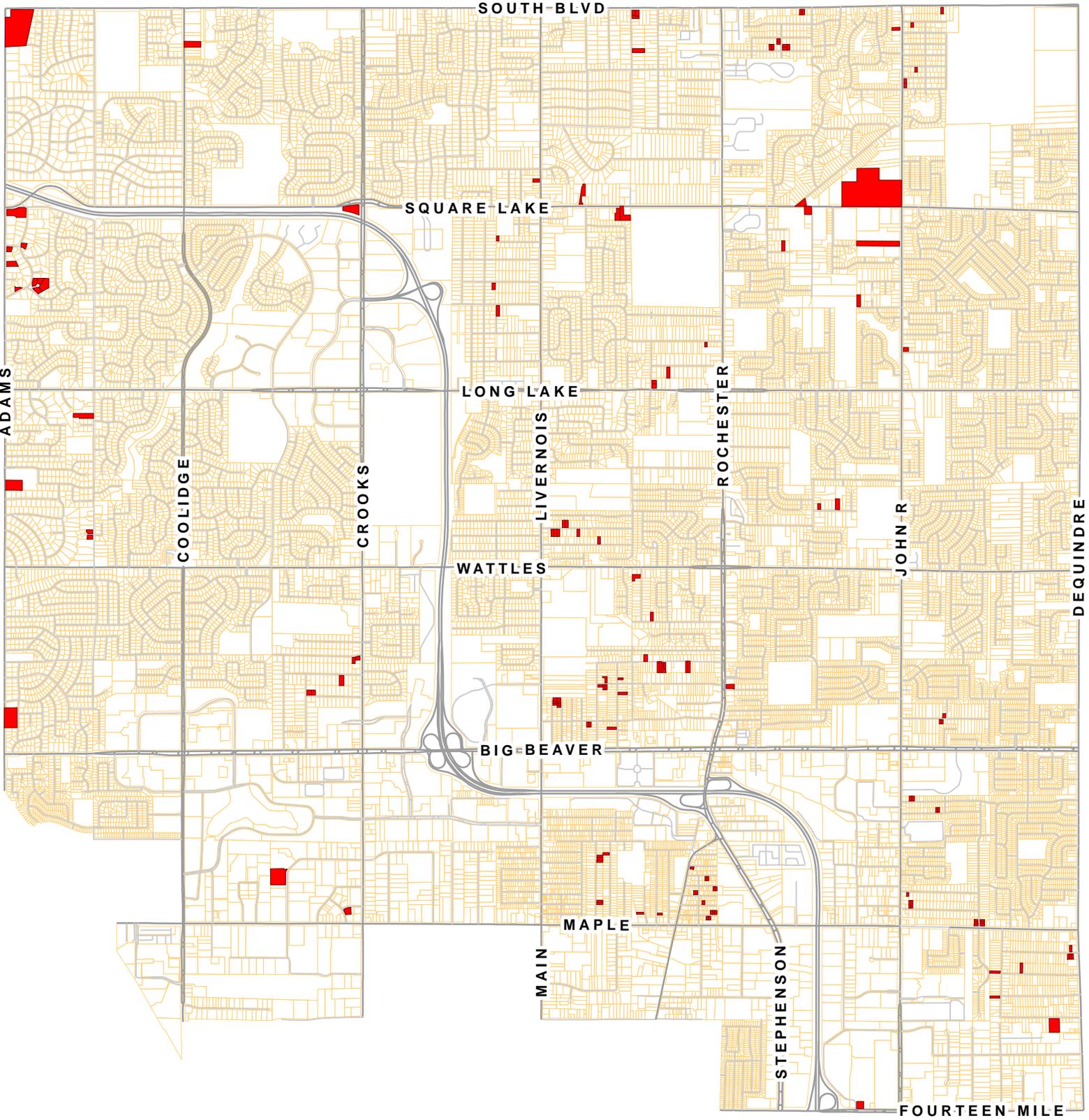
The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

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Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer



**Legend**

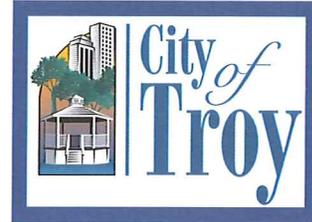
 Parcels with Sidewalk Waiver

**Road Centerline**

-  All Others
-  Major Road
-  State Road

# Sidewalk Waivers





February 11, 2016

TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director  
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager *KB*  
Ashely Levin, Project Manager *AL*

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-01-430-038

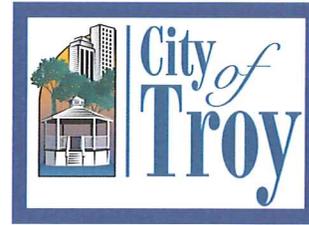
Per the attached waiver form, South Hampton Builders, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 43637 Dequindre, 88-20-01-430-038.

Chapter 34 City of Troy Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches Ordinance # 34-07 requires, all owners of lots and premises abutting dedicated streets open to the public shall be required to construct sidewalks and driveway approaches at the time of construction of any new buildings or structures, or additions to buildings or structures, or at the time a nonconforming use changes to a permitted use in the Zoning District. No occupancy permit shall be issued until such time as the owners of said property have complied with the requirements of this provision provided only that the Director of Building and Zoning may extend the time for completion of the required sidewalks and driveway approaches in accordance with established procedure.

City of Troy Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches Ordinance # 34.07.01 also requires that a sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of a parcel due to a recent lot split, combination of parcels or a re-platting.

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February 11, 2016

TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director  
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager *KB*  
Ashely Levin, Project Manager *AL*

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-01-430-039

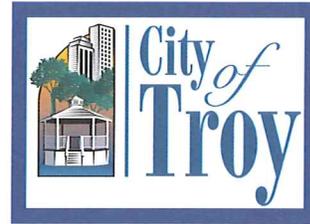
Per the attached waiver form, South Hampton Builders, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 43623 Dequindre, 88-20-01-430-039.

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Kurt Bovensiepe, Public Works Manager *KB*  
Ashely Levin, Project Manager *AL*

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-01-430-040

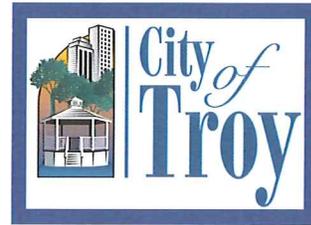
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FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director   
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager   
Ashely Levin, Project Manager 

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-01-430-041

Per the attached waiver form, South Hampton Builders, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 43595 Dequindre, 88-20-01-430-041.

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City of Troy  
Mr. Timothy L. Richnak  
Public Works Director  
4693 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI 48098

041 ✓      040 ✓      039 ✓      038  
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Mr. Richnak,

I am/we are the owner(s) of the property at 43595, 43609, 43623, & 43637

Lot number Parcels 4, 3, 2, 1

Subdivision Name ?

Sidewell Number 20-01-430-041, 20-01-430-040, 20-01-430-039, 20-01-430-038

I/we would like to request a sidewalk variance for the following reasons:  
New ROADWAY in Right of way. Scheduled.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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See attached plan/sketch.

I/We can be contacted at 248-766-4554  
Phone Number

South Hampton Builders  
Name

P.O. Box 934  
Address

Birmingham, MI 48012  
City, State, Zip

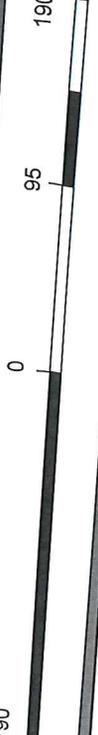
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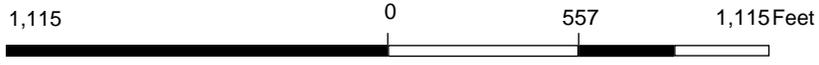
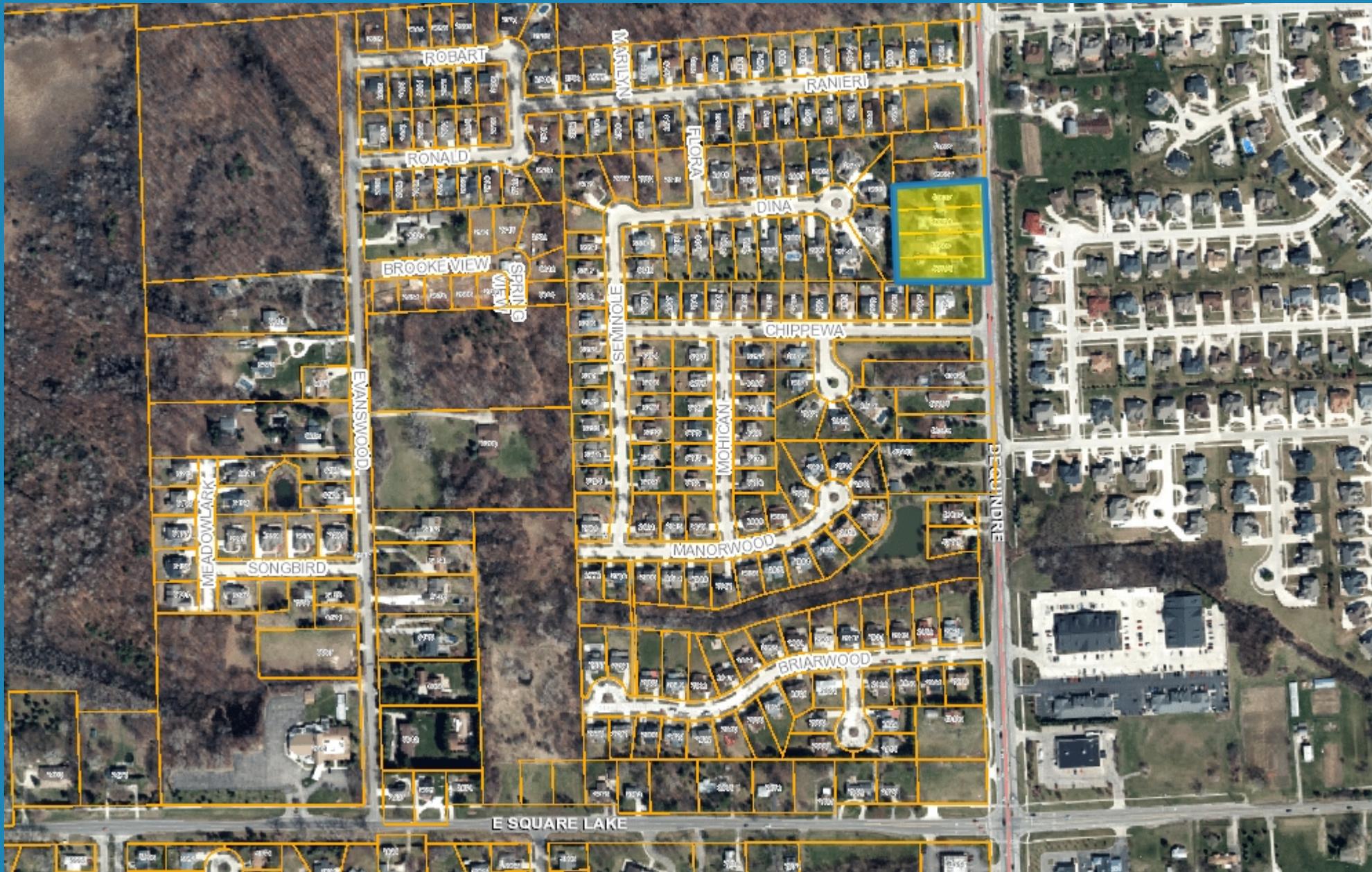
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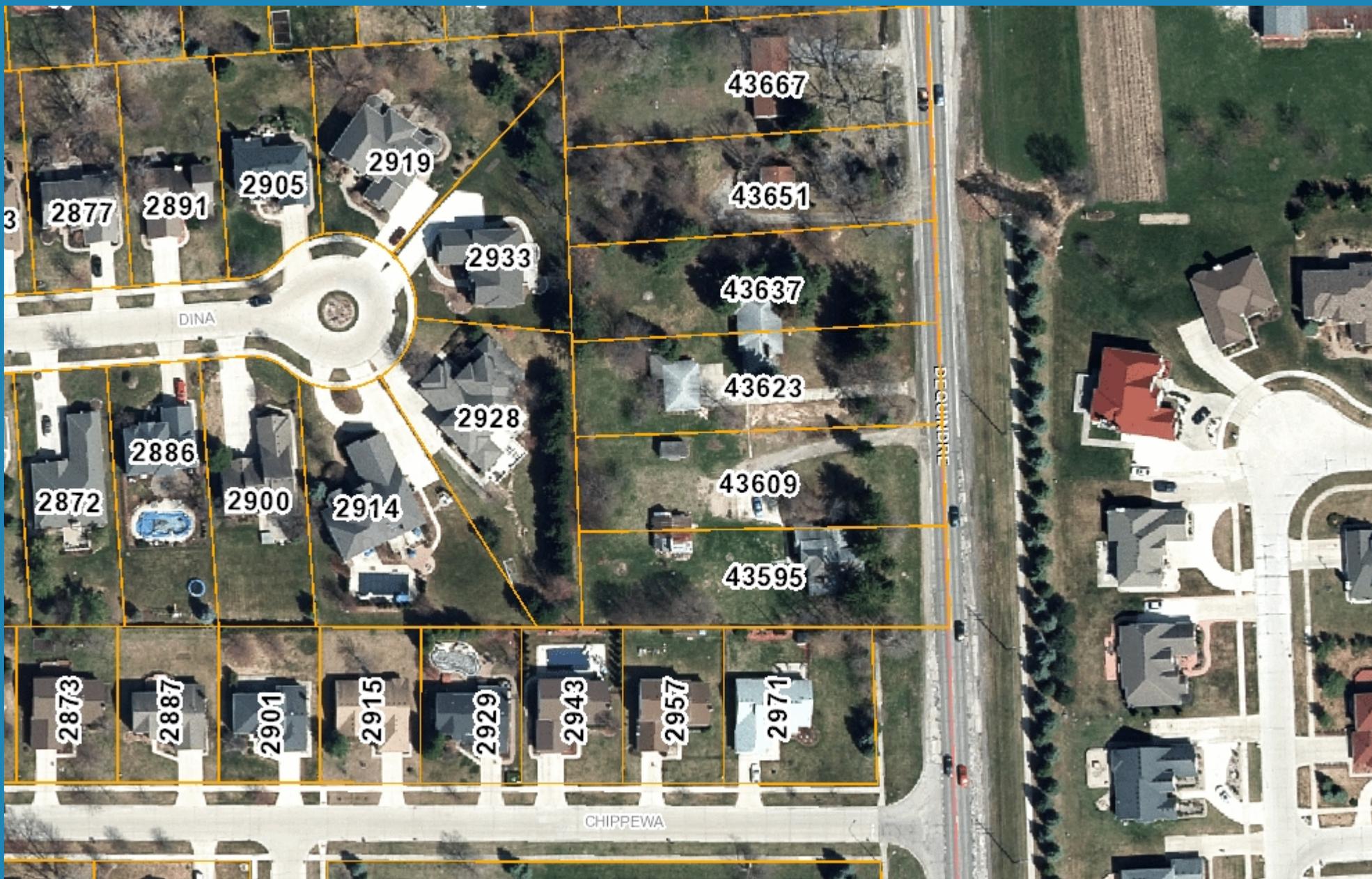
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February 11, 2016

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Troy, MI 48084  
248.524.3300  
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TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director  
Kurt Bovensiepe, Public Works Manager  
Ashely Levin, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-07-101-001

Per the attached waiver form, Edward Mancini, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 5990 Adams, 88-20-07-101-001.

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In 2014 Mr. Mancini brought a sidewalk waiver to the Traffic Committee requesting the sidewalk requirements along Sussex be waived. The Department of Public works recommended the sidewalk along Sussex not be installed, but the sidewalk along Arlund Way should be installed. The waiver was granted by the Traffic Committee on July 16, 2014.

Since 2014, the parcel has been developed and additionally the Sunco Pipeline has installed a monitoring system and additional shrubbery around the gated area (see attachment). There is also an existing culvert that would have to be relocated at the corner of Square Lake and Arlund Way. There has been sidewalk installed along Square Lake but there are currently no other sidewalks installed along Arlund Way.

We recommend that the sidewalk on Arlund Way not be installed as per ordinance #34.07. The adjacent parcels and the rest of the subdivision were not developed with sidewalks and therefore the construction of sidewalk on Arlund Way would not provide a pedestrian connection. There are also restrictions based on the size of the Sunco monitoring system and the existing culvert. If the sidewalk requirements were to be waived, we recommend the approval be subject to the execution and recording of an "*Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalk*", or the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation if there is future sidewalk installation.



City of Troy  
Mr. Timothy L. Richnak  
Public Works Director  
4693 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI 48098

Mr. Richnak,

I am/we are the owner(s) of the property at 5990 N. Adams Road, Troy, MI 48098

Lot number Lot 1

Subdivision Name Middlesex Country Home Sites

Sidwell Number 88-20-07-101-001

I am/we are requesting a sidewalk variance for the following reasons:

Since additional plantings were provided for the Sunoco pipeline area, there are space restrictions to accommodate the public sidewalk for Arlund Way. Also since the sidewalk was waived for the Sussex road, the Arlund Way sidewalk will not connect to a paved road or a sidewalk that is accessible by anyone. There is also concern with the storm water flow in that area if the existing culvert and ditch is relocated.

See attached plan/sketch,

I/We can be contacted at:

Phone Number: 586-685-1000

Name: Edward Mancini

Address: 6850 Nineteen Mile Road

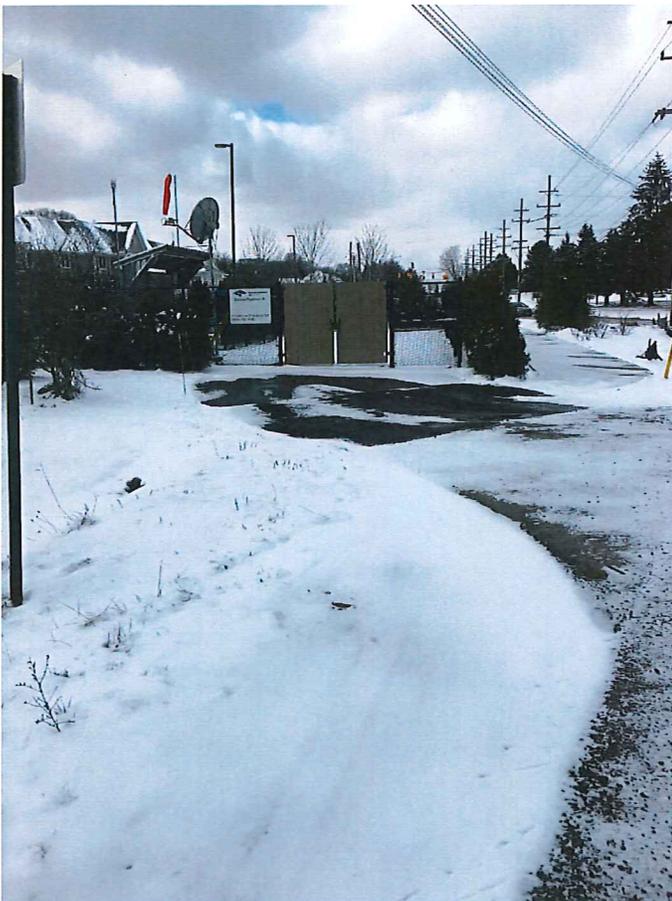
City, State, Zip: Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Signature:





Left: Existing Culvert at the corner of Arlund way and Square Lake.



Left: Newly installed Sunco Pipeline monitoring system located at the corner of Arlund Way and Square Lake

6-18-2014

TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director  
Kurt Bovensiep, Superintendent Parks, Streets, and Drains

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement  
Sidwell Number 88-20-07-101-001

Per the attached waiver form, Mr. Edward Mancini is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 88-20-22-401-096.

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City of Troy Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches Ordinance # 34.07.01 also requires that a sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel because of a recent lot split, combined and re-platted

Please be advised that Sussex and Arlund Way are already developed with no sidewalks

We recommend that the sidewalk not be installed as per ordinance # 34.07 on Sussex. City administration also believes there is value to leaving the current trees to protect the abutting properties, which would eliminate the sidewalk along Sussex. However, we do recommend the installation of the sidewalk along Arlund Way because there are no current vegetation or trees that would need to be removed for the installation of the sidewalk.

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, July 16, 2014 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Tim Brandstetter  
Ted Halsey  
Richard Kilmer  
Al Petrulis  
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Sarah Binkowski  
Stevan Popovic

Also present: Ken Crum, 1642 Rockfield  
Ed Mancini, 5990 Adams  
Sandra Adams, 5970 Sussex  
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department  
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department  
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – June 18, 2014**

**RESOLUTION # 2014-07-19**

Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Halsey

To approve the June 18, 2014 minutes as printed.

YES: 5 (Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)  
NO: None  
ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Sidwell #88-20-07-101-001 – 5990 Adams Road**

Edward Mancini requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5990 Adams Road (Sidwell #88-20-20-427-038), along Sussex only, as part of the Oakland Troy Senior Facility proposed at the corner of Adams and Square Lake Road. Petitioner states that eliminating the sidewalk along Sussex would preserve existing trees for screening the proposed development from existing residential homes along Sussex. Sussex is a gravel

road with no sidewalks. Sidewalk would still be required along Adams, Square Lake and Arlund Way.

Mr. Mancini was in attendance at the meeting and provided pictures of the area as well as plans for the Oakland Troy Senior Facility. Mr. Mancini stated that there are no sidewalks on Sussex and the border of the property along Sussex has numerous mature trees that can be saved if the sidewalk is waived. The landscape plan for the development proposed leaving the trees in place and adding a berm area with evergreen trees and shrubs along the top of it behind the existing trees.

Mr. Halsey asked about sidewalk widths around the parcel in the areas where it will be placed [eight foot wide along Adams and Square Lake and five foot wide along Arlund Way].

Mr. Kilmer asked if the additional landscaping on the site will compliment the trees. Mr. Mancini responded that the landscaping did take existing trees into account.

**RESOLUTION # 2014-07-20**

Moved by Halsey  
Seconded by Kilmer

**WHEREAS**, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Mancini has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk to preserve existing trees for screening the proposed Oakland Troy Senior Facility from existing residential homes along Sussex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A waiver will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

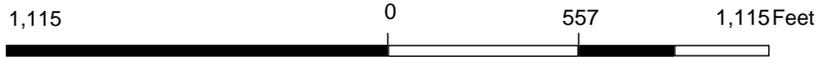
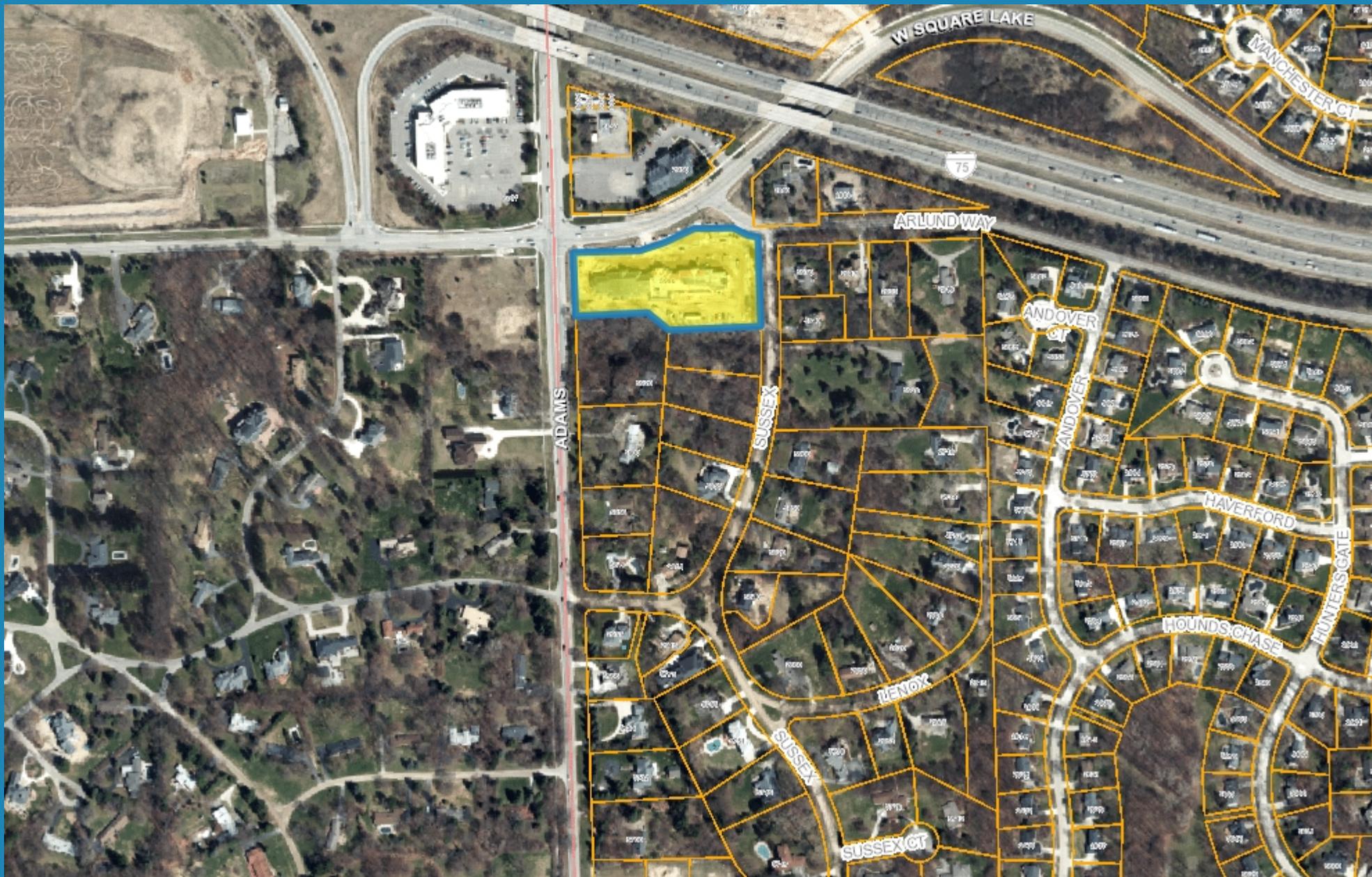
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee grants a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 5990 Adams Road (Sidwell #88-20-20-427-038), along Sussex only, as part of the Oakland Troy Senior Facility proposed at the corner of Adams and Square Lake Road.

YES: 5 (Brandstetter, Halsey, Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

NO: None

ABSENT: 2 (Binkowski, Popovic)

MOTION CARRIED



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## William J Huotari

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**From:** Brent Savidant  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2016 12:50 PM  
**To:** William J Huotari  
**Subject:** Sidewalk Waiver

Bill:

This corner has a development history that you should be aware of.

In September of 2013, Sunoco installed necessary equipment associated with the underground pipeline. The equipment was unsightly and had been installed without any landscape screening. The City received many complaints from neighbors. At the request of Planning, Sunoco developed a site plan for the pipeline in a timely manner, including a landscaping plan. The proposed landscaping was also installed in a timely manner to address neighborhood concerns.

Concurrent to the pipeline project, an application for an assisted living facility was being processed. Approval was granted in November, 2013. This project had originally proposed a sidewalk along Sussex. However, the owner realized the sidewalk would require the removal of many mature trees. A sidewalk waiver for this project was sought and granted by Traffic Committee, following Preliminary Site Plan approval.

During Final design for the assisted living facility, the developer has identified some engineering challenges associated with the sidewalk location originally identified for the pipeline project. It seems reasonable to assume that the timing of the two projects, and the need to develop a landscape plan for the pipeline project to address neighborhood concerns in a timely manner, may have contributed to this issue.

**R. Brent Savidant** | Planning Director

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TERRY & SANDY ADAMS  
5970 SUSSEX DR  
TROY, MI 48098

February 25, 2016

City of Troy  
c/o. Engineering Dept

Re: Sidewalk for (Sidwell # 88-20-427-038)

We are in support of the developer not placing a sidewalk from the oil well driveway to Sussex Dr. It would be of no use.

Terry J. Adams  
Sandy M. Adams  
5970 Sussex Dr  
Troy, MI