



MINUTES of October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

Board of Public Works & Safety and Stormwater Board

Held 2:00 p.m. Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana

Present: Chair Jeremy Stutsman, Member Mike Landis, Member Mary Nichols

Minutes of Sept. 28 were presented.

Landis/Nichols moved to approve minutes of Sept. 28, 2020 as presented. Passed 3-0.

Landis/Nichols moved to add two items to the agenda and approve as amended:

#5: Goshen High School Marching Band Parade at Greencroft

#6: Request for Use of Parking Spaces at 211 S. Main St.

Passed 3-0.

Water & Sewer Unpaid Final Accounts

Utilities Billing Manager Kelly Saenz presented the packet memo.

Landis/Nichols moved to move uncollected final accounts totaling \$3588.28 from Active to Collection, Sewer Liens, and Write-offs. Passed 3-0.

Change Order 7: Main St. Improvements from Madison St. to Pike St., JN: 2016-0038

Traffic Engineer Josh Corwin presented the packet memo.

Landis/Nichols moved to approve change order #7 for an increase of \$1523.60. Passed 3-0.

Post-Construction Plan: Elkhart Market Centre Retail Outlots D & E, JN: 2016-2021

Corwin presented the packet memo.

Landis/Nichols moved to accept the Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan for Elkhart Market Centre Retail Outlets D & E. Passed 3-0.



Variance Request: Gravel Parking Surface at 1313 & 1323 S. 9th St.

Crystal Welsh of Abonmarche, representing property owner Doug Steury, presented. Ms. Welsh explained that they have been working with city staff for months to provide adequate parking and drainage for two buildings containing ten residential rental units. She explained that the units have been present since the 1960's and the current issue arose because of the new multi-use trail along 9th St. She said parking had been located at the front of the buildings, but the owner shifted parking to the back by placing gravel, but without proper permission. She said that the Board of Zoning Appeals would be the next step to request a zero setback for the parking area, and that there are encroachment issues (e.g. stairway) stemming from the original construction of both buildings at the same time. Welsh said there are a number of issues and that there has been significant work invested to try to make the best of an existing situation.

City Planner Rhonda Yoder confirmed that Board of Works is only considering the surface and Board of Zoning Appeals would consider the setback.

Mayor asked about status of the group meeting to discuss revised policy related to gravel surfaces. Landis said that City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann had sent out a draft revision today that he had only read quickly. Said that there is nothing in either the original or the new version that speaks negatively to a situation like this with an existing gravel surface, a road project not caused by the owner, and a neighborhood in which gravel is common.

Landis said his first impulse when he saw ten-unit apartment was that sometimes there can be hardship, but the board can't necessarily get into hardship, but can consider excessive and unreasonable. Said on 9th St. this won't ruin neighborhood.

Landis/Nichols moved to approve a gravel parking area at 1313 and 1323 S. 9th St. Passed 3-0.

Goshen High School Marching Band Parade at Greencroft, Oct. 8th. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mayor Stutsman distributed a route map (attached as Exhibit A). He said he has been working with Band Director Tom Cox on a march through Greencroft area, where many residents have been locked in due to the pandemic even more than many other community residents. Hoped one last march for the season in this area could add some joy to people's lives.

Landis said he thought it was a great idea, and Nichols agreed.

Mayor noted that School Resource Officers would be on hand to assist with traffic control.

Landis/Nichols moved to allow the marching band to use city streets for a band performance Oct. 8, 2020 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Passed 3-0.



Request for Use of Parking Spaces near 211 S. Main St.

Allan Kauffman, Goshen, explained that local Democrats are opening a headquarters and given the pandemic thought it best to be outdoors for the opening. Requested use of several parking spaces for people to gather for a ribbon-cutting event Sunday, Oct. 11.

Landis/Nichols moved to approve use of approximately five parking spaces on Oct. 11, 2020 after 1 p.m. Passed 3-0.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR: No one spoke.

Stutsman/Landis moved to approve civil city and utility claims and to adjourn. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment at 2:14 p.m.

APPROVED

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Jeremy Stutsman, Chair

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Michael Landis, Member

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Mary Nichols, Member

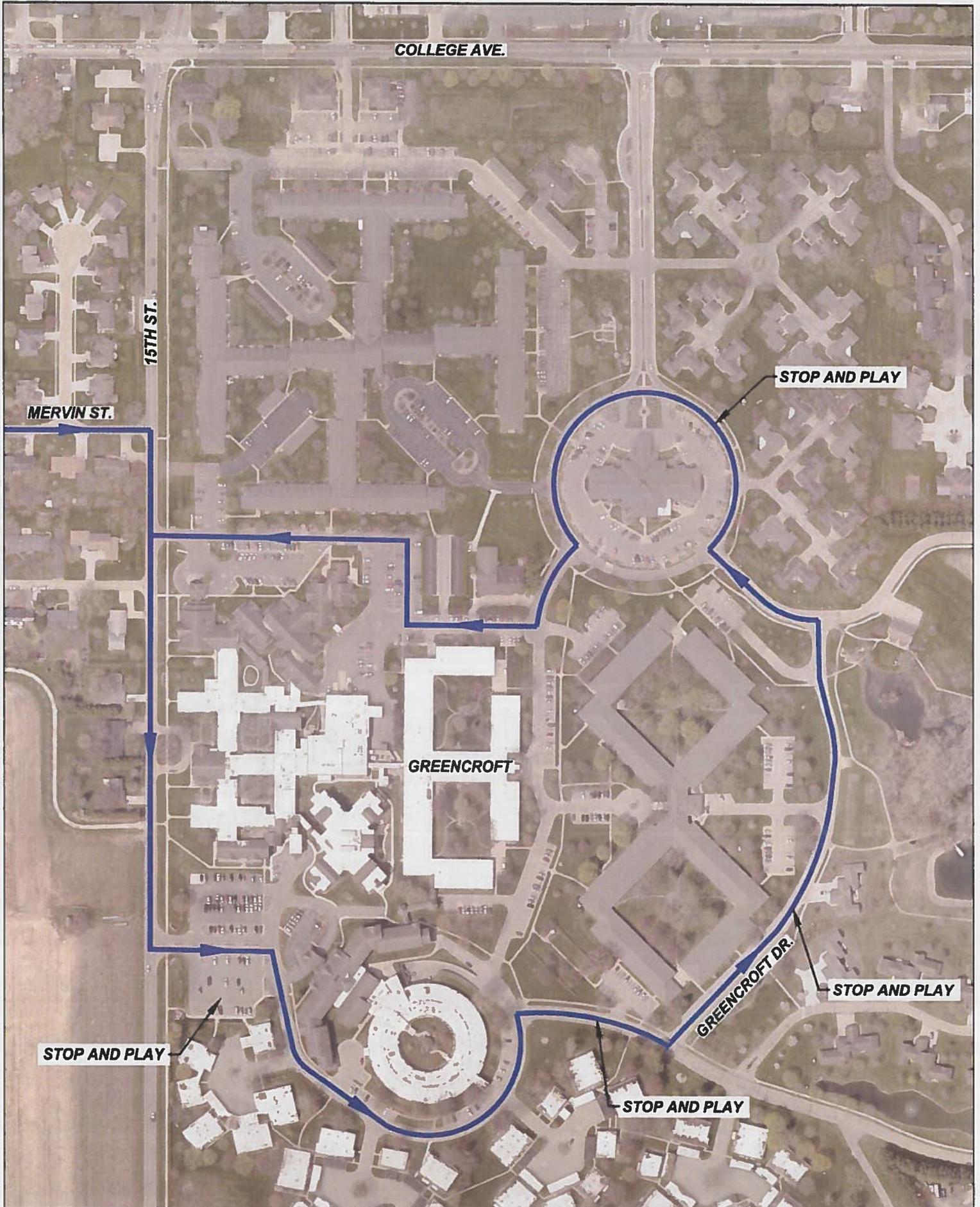
ATTEST

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Adam Scharf, Clerk-Treasurer

[Exhibit A]

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