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I want to provide an update from our latest meetings on upcoming projects for 2016:

We will be putting the bids out for the asphalt overlay project which will include all of John Street, Fairlane Drive, Little Turtle Drive and a portion of Blue Jacket Drive. Prior to the paving company showing up the village will be cutting out certain areas and doing some repair work to the base under the roadway to prepare for the asphalt. We look for this to be completed sometime this summer.

Also on the street work planned for 2016, based on some higher than expected cost estimates that came back we have decided to delay the William Street reconstruction until next year and instead will be doing a complete reconstruction of the southernmost block of S. Elm Street between Milligan and Wiggs Streets. This will include curbing, sidewalks, street lights, improved storm drainage and a new street surface. We have just started with the engineering plans but hope to be bidding this out in the next month for completion yet this year. Other street projects that remain on the "short list" for reconstruction include sections of S. Main Street, Wiggs/Gwendolyn Streets and Harrison Street. These are all projects that we will be doing in between larger projects that will require additional funding to complete.

We will be completing some additional work to our lagoons this summer and will move forward on that work as soon as we get approval from the Ohio EPA. We also will be looking to complete some utility extensions along Sharpsburg Road to prepare for a proposed housing development.

Work has begun with the engineering and layout work for the upcoming recreational trail in Community Park. This is also a project we hope to complete this summer and will include some additional lighting and benches along the trail. We are currently working on a project to add benches around the new playground area, along the recreational trail and in other areas of the parks. We are providing an opportunity to organizations, businesses, and families to donate a bench and have it engraved with your information or as a memorial for a loved one. Contact Erin Minor or I at the village office if you have an interest in donating an engraved bench to our parks. Renovation of the restroom facility in Community Park is also being planned and will likely occur later this summer after the majority of the park activities are completed.

We are also working on various other potential grants and projects that will make nice improvements to our community and will keep you updated as we move forward. One final note regarding the Dollar General development as I am asked often – all permits and approvals have been in place and the contractor tells me they intend to start any day with the ground work necessary. According to the developer, he still anticipates a summer opening with the exact timing dependent on the weather.

As always if you have any issue that you feel needs addressed, please don't hesitate to contact me at the village office or stop in and see me and I will be glad to discuss it with you. Also a reminder that our village council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm in the village hall and anyone is welcome to attend.

Randy Diller, Village Administrator