
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2013
TO: Laura LaPlaca, Chair
Trustee Haarlow
Trustee Hughes
Trustee Saigh
FROM: George Franco, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Request for ComEd Street Light Relocation

At its September meeting, the EPS Committee received a request from the resident at 130 E. Third Street to remove the ComEd light pole that is in the Village right of way (ROW) immediately adjacent to his property (see attached photos). The homeowner has stated that he would absorb all costs related to the removal and replacement of the pole in an area across the street so identified by ComEd.

The matter was brought to the EPS Committee as this is the first request of this type and staff was looking for direction to follow should future requests be made.

The resident made this request of the Village for two reasons. First, the homeowner would like to expand his driveway and in doing so while remaining in compliance with the code he would not be able to extend the apron to the west due to the location of the light pole. The apron could not be shifted to the east due to the location of a mature Elm tree. Second, the resident expressed his concern that the pole, even if the new driveway is not constructed, is very close and he is concerned about his family members and visitors to the home hitting the pole.

As part of the EPS Committee review of this request, staff was instructed to pass out letters to the neighbors on this block to gain feedback on any possible concerns with the proposed relocation of the pole. These letters were hand delivered to all residences on the block and the Union Church stating the request and the proposed area for the pole to be relocated which is between the Union Church's entrance drive and the driveway at 127 E. Third St.

Public Services staff has received no negative feedback from residents on this block regarding the pole relocation. The Union Church and residents at 122 & 127 E. Third would agree to a trial of not replacing the lamp and pole. If, after a period of time, the lamp was really needed, then the pole and lamp would be reinstated on the north side

parkway. The costs for this project will be borne by the requestor and completed by ComEd include:

- Approximately \$1,000 for pole and light removal with **no** relocation.
- Approximately \$3,600 for pole and light removal and relocation.

Staff respectfully requests the Committee's direction to proceed with this request.

Cc: Kathleen Gargano, President Cauley, and Board of Trustees

- Allowed by
Code

- Requires
no variation





