Sonja Birr

From:

Greg Minikel

Sent:

Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:24 PM

To:

David Soeldner

Cc:

Dan Koski; Dan Koski; Jill Erickson; Liza Rezach; Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer; Sonja Birr;

Steve Herzog

Subject:

RE: Kwik Trip Driveway Width at N. 24th and Menasha Ave.

Attachments:

CAM01713.jpg; CAM01712.jpg

Hi Dave,

I finally had a chance to reach out to Kwik Trip. I talked to the lady store manager, Chris. She said that she did not even know that anyone was coming to do that work. She said that they all sort of knew that they could not widen it and they more or less gave up on it.

She said that everything is handled through their Corporate Office.

She directed me to Lyle Antony.

I called him at (608) 781-8988. Lyle stated that he no longer works in that division. I told Lyle that the City would be in favor of allowing them to widen out this driveway approach if they wanted to tear out the flat work in the terrace that they just did recently and cut the curb and install a new driveway approach.

I did mention to Lyle that the local contractor that did the work did not take out a permit, which was required. I said if they had come in for a permit maybe we would have discussed the driveway width issue at that time.

Lyle took my name and phone number and said that he would talk to the Construction Division (he said that a Brad Fry heads up their construction division) and that someone would likely be calling me in regards to the potential for widening that driveway. He appreciated the call regarding this issue.

I will wait to hear back from them. I will let you know if I hear anything.

Since, the driveway widths are restricted by the Ordinance, we normally bring these requests to the Committee/Council for approving a driveway that is wider than that allowed by the Ordinance.

Have Great Holiday Weekend.

-----Original Message-----From: David Soeldner

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 10:32 AM

To: Greg Minikel Cc: Dan Koski

Subject: RE: Kwik Trip Driveway Width

Hi Greg,

Thanks for the voice mail and email. I think that we should start by reaching out again with Kwik Trip to verify that they do want the wider driveway. They may not want to now because they already spent the \$ putting the curb in. If they do

want to widen it, then they would have to apply to the City for the wider-than-allowed drive. Those are normally handled by staff unless there is something unusual. This one seems to make a lot of sense.

Thanks,

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From: Greg Minikel

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 3:06 PM

To: David Soeldner Cc: Dan Koski

Subject: FW: Kwik Trip Driveway Width

Hi Dave,

I left you a lengthy voicemail on this issue.

Here is an e-mail that I sent around the office looking for any additional information.

Steve Herzog told me he does not believe that a permit was taken out for the work they did in the ROW in the last few weeks. Had they obtained a permit, perhaps we would have suggested making it wider.

He also stated that he asked the female manager why they did not make the driveway wider and she replied that the City would not let her do that.

Jill also stated she has heard of a few people hitting the curb already.

When it was gravel, I think only the semi-trucks making deliveries would go over the gravel. Now that it is concrete there will be a lot of people jumping that curb especially at night.

Technically, the existing driveway (40 ft. wide) is already exceeding the max. width of 35 ft., but if you and/or the Committee are O.K. with widening the driveway even more (probably a total of 60 ft.), I do not see a major issue with it. It would be safer than what is there now.

Let me know if you want us to contact the manager at Kwik Trip or if this is something to bring to the Committee. Thanks

----Original Message-----

From: Greg Minikel

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 2:08 PM

To: Sonja Birr; Liza Rezach; Steve Herzog; Paul Braun

Cc: Dan Koski; Randy Junk; Dan Koski; Jill Erickson; Liza Rezach (Irezach@manitowoc.org); Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer;

Sonja Birr; Steve Herzog

Subject: FW: Kwik Trip Driveway Width

I did not know Kwik Trip was doing any work. However, one day in the last 2 weeks I just happened to be driving by and I saw that concrete was being placed between the curb and sidewalk, so I called Herzog about it. He did not know if there was a permit on this.

Can someone look up whether or not they took out a permit for the current work??

I am not aware of any recent requests from Kwik Trip to widen their driveway or in the last 10 years for that matter.

I will have to do some research but this may just be another Handlos special as far as the driveway width. I did find the attached e-mail from April 2000, where Handlos made Kwik Trip remove the gravel that was in the terrace to widen the driveway and had them install large rocks to keep people from driving over the terrace. I suppose it is possible that Kwik Trip management has it in their mind that the City would not allow a wider driveway.

There used to be a beauty salon to the south of Kwik Trip (I think Carol Adler used to go there). Anyway, that building has been torn down and I think that Kwik Trip may own the lot. I will have to check. The building was razed in 2011 and Kwik Trip does own the lot.

I believe that Kwik Trip had gravel in the terrace for several years and now they finally paved it with concrete.

If anyone else remembers anything on this site, please let me know. Thanks.

P.S. It also just occurred to me that Kwik Trip probably should have had a site plan to pave the additional parking area at the back of the old beauty salon site (south of the Kwik Trip Building). I do not recall seeing one.

-----Original Message-----From: David Soeldner

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 11:17 AM

To: Dan Koski; Greg Minikel

Subject: Kwik Trip Driveway Width

Dan and Greg,

I got a call from a constituent who wanted to know why (N. 24th St.) Kwik Trip's new curb cut (for the driveway) doesn't extend farther south. I do admit that it would be easier to access the more southern gas pumps if you could turn sooner off of N. 24th--If you want to use one of those pumps, you have to pull in, then double back to reach them.

My constituent thinks that the City prohibited Kwik Trip from extending this entrance because it would be too wide, and I told him that perhaps this is what Kwik Trip proposed in its site plan. Can you provide me with some background?

Thanks,

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