

Rod Weersing

From: Kent G. Gagnon <kgagnon@choiceone.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Rod Weersing
Subject: Resurfacing Walnut Ave South of Baldwin Ave.

Dear Utilities Committee,

Thank you for your efforts in our community to make it a safe place for homeowners to walk their dogs, mom's to push their children in strollers and drivers to negotiate the roads safely.

I moved to 7352 Walnut 28 years ago and enjoy the Georgetown Township Community. Since arriving, I have been the Crystal Lake Association President. The roads surrounding the lake are very popular for pedestrian traffic, with Walnut having the highest traffic count, most speeding vehicles and it was last resurfaced in 1997. I have seen these roads all being resurfaced around us over the last couple of years and thought our road was going to be resurfaced in 2021 but Walnut north of Baldwin was selected. Streets with far less traffic and in better shape have surprisingly been resurfaced...Pete, Meide, Koster, Vos and Coral...even Twin Homes that runs into Walnut that has three duplexes and little or no traffic. I have been doing some research thru the township and county and have found that the Paser rating for our road is a 4-fair-which is the same rating that Coral received when it was resurfaced. I know it's hard to do a "physical site review" of each street, but in this case Walnut is in bad enough shape to be resurfaced in early 2022. We can't solely base the decision on age and Paser ratings...no two roads are alike, no two Paser ratings are alike etc... 😊

I have taken many photos of our road showing multiple attempts at fixing pot holes and where Walnut connects to Baldwin. Also, where Walnut connects to Crystal. It's not safe or repaired well. When it rains, the road floods over so that two cars can not pass at the same time for fear of hydroplaning into each other or ending up in someone's yard.

Walnut south of Baldwin is also a "cut thru" where drivers use it to avoid the intersection of 12th and Baldwin. High volume and speed with poor road surfaces and many walkers and bicyclists. It's not a good recipe.

I appreciate your efforts. I know that resurfacing Walnut-Coral is in major need of resurfacing and look forward to you approving it for 2022.

Please let me know if I be of further assistance. I can attend meetings or write letters if needed. I have spoken to many/most of the homeowners on our street and we are in total agreement for this to happen now.

Thanks so much.

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