## Lutz Drive Parking Restriction Points of Consideration

- Safety is an essential part of the Department of Public Works responsibilities and we do not take this obligation lightly. With our extensive training and experience in this field, we are confident our recommendation provides safe options for all AYC and Lutz Park customers.
- Lutz Drive is 36 feet wide as is typical for many City of Appleton Streets. Crossing Lutz Drive is no different than Reid Golf Course customers crossing Fremont Street to tee off on hole 1 or 10, or to hit a bucket of balls at the driving range, except that Fremont Street carries 425% as much traffic as Lutz Drive. It is also similar to residents using Erb Pool and crossing Drew Street (which carries more than double the traffic Lutz Drive does) and ball players at Memorial Park crossing Witzke Boulevard (300% of the traffic on Lutz Drive).
- Other recent examples of streets where parking has been removed from one side include Badger Avenue, Capitol
  Drive, Newberry Street, Roemer Road and Telulah Avenue. All of these streets have significantly higher traffic
  volumes than Lutz Drive. In addition, some of these streets serve schools, parks and businesses. (See attached
  map for streets with traffic volumes greater than Lutz Drive).
- Crossing a 36-foot street may be perceived as inconvenient to some, but we do it when we get our mail, visit a
  friend, etc. It is also the same distance we cross to grocery shop and many other errands we do on a daily basis
  (see attached map of Pick N Save on Ballard Road).
- Park goers currently park on both sides of Lutz Drive adjacent to Lutz Park and we have not received one complaint from a parent concerned with having to cross the street to get to the park.
- Although the trail is not significant in length at this point, it does connect to Prospect Avenue and will connect via Cedar Street to Alicia Park in 2019.
- By State Statute, loading is allowed in a No Parking Zone, so AYC members can unload a passenger, cooler, etc. before parking their vehicle in another location.
- The trail will be plowed by the City, so safety will actually be enhanced as now you can cross the street and
  directly get on the trail instead of having to walk down the street until you reached a plowed curb opening.
- There will be more trail users than persons crossing the street. This is important as we consider the safety hazards created by opening car doors.
- The trail usage will greatly increase as trail development continues to Alicia and Vulcan Heritage Parks.
- Trail usage will increase during May through September in 2019. Per the AYC agreement, concession service is to be provided to the public upon completion of the trail.
- AYC continues to increase their membership and business, which has increased their demand for parking. We
  have worked to allow their visitors to utilize parking at Lutz Park.
- Our relationship with the AYC has been strong and they have always understood that the City granting use of public land for a private use was a privilege. This City land could be enjoyed by the greater public for increased access to the river. We are hopeful this partnership would continue with the same mutual gratitude and respect given in the past, but recent comments and correspondence are concerning.



