MEMO



TO:

Finance Committee

FROM:

Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works PAV

DATE:

April 5, 2018

SUBJECT:

Request for City of Appleton to waive the sidewalk special assessment for

1143 W. Cedar Street in exchange for dedication of 850 SF of property

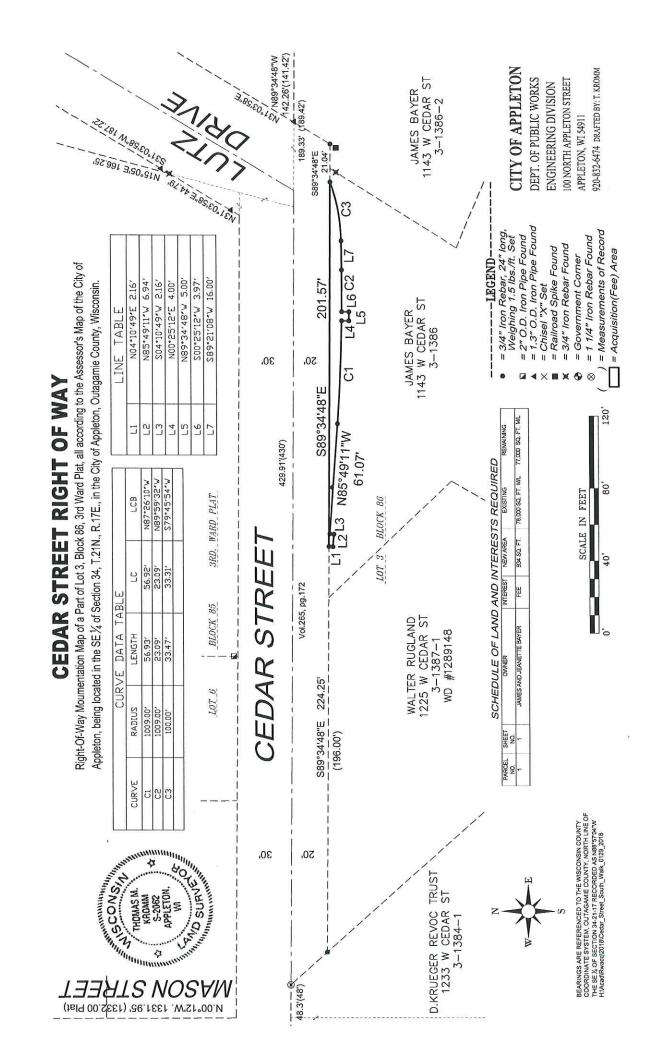
needed to construct the wide sidewalk/multi-purpose sidepath.

The City's 2019 Budget includes construction of a wide sidewalk/multi-purpose sidepath along the south side of Cedar Street as shown on the attached drawing. This sidewalk segment will connect the Lutz Park trail to the Alicia Park trail. In order to construct this sidewalk/multi-purpose sidepath we need additional right-of-way of 850 square feet from the property owner, James Bayer at 1143 W. Cedar Street. Tim Smith from the Assessor's Office valued the property needed at \$3,200 (see attached letter).

The Bayer's have generously offered to donate the property contingent upon the following:

- The special assessment for the sidewalk/multi-use sidepath be waived (estimated at \$6,100)
- The City will maintain the walk similar to other wide sidewalks/sidepaths throughout the City
- The City will take care to minimize tree removal
- The City will reinstall/replace the existing wire fence as needed to accommodate the new sidewalk

City staff supports these contingencies in order to construct this key bike/pedestrian connection through this neighborhood. If approved, the Attorney's Office will draft the appropriate land transfer documents accordingly.



March 5, 2018

RE: 1143 West Cedar Street

In 2014 we did a citywide re-evaluation and adjusted values, including land to 100% of market value. The subject's land value along with all the residential properties in the city were reviewed and adjusted to market value at that time. The property at 1143 W Cedar has 78,316 square feet of land with approximately 315 feet of frontage on the Fox River. The current land assessment is \$3.71 a square foot. The assessment per square foot is definitely influenced by the river frontage, but if 850 square feet was taken from 1143 West Cedar Street we would adjust the assessment down by 850 X \$3.71 or \$3200.

For 2019 we will be reviewing all residential properties in the city and again adjusting to market value. I would expect the land value to remain the same or slightly increase.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Tim Smith City of Appleton Assessor Office 920-832-5850