

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: City Manager

SUBJECT: Street Right-of-Way Vacation Request for 22nd Avenue East of 46th Street

Date: October 17, 2011

Jeff and Carrie Lantz have requested that a dead-end segment of 22nd Avenue east of 46th Street be vacated (see attached vacation map and letter). The right-of-way extends to the border with Moline, but there is no public access in Moline.

The letter indicates that the Lantz's desire to build a garage in their east rear yard and that it will likely extend into the area that currently is right-of-way. The letter also indicates that the neighbors to the south of 22nd Avenue (Tom and Lindsey Demyunck of 2207 46th Street) also want the street vacated.

Analysis of Impact:

Staff contacted the Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for an analysis of the request. There were no objections cited by officials from these departments. Officials from Mid-American Energy, AT&T and Mediacom Cable Company also were contacted. There are overhead electric and telephone lines located within the right-of-way.

Staff contacted all four neighbors at the intersection regarding the request. As of the writing of this report no comments have been received.

Recommendation:

That the City Attorney be directed to draft an ordinance vacating the dead-end segment of 22nd Avenue east of 46th Street to the border with Moline.

Submitted by: Alan Fries, Urban Planner II
Alan M. Carmen, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator
Gregory S. Champagne, Community and Economic Development Director

Approved: Robert Hawes, Interim City Manager

Jeff and Carrie Lantz
2057 46th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
309-558-1069

September 13, 2011

To whom it may concern,

We live at 2057 46th Street right on the corner of 22nd avenue. If you are not aware 22nd avenue is a dead end street that splits our property and the property across the street from us. The property across the street from us is owned by Tom and Lindsey Demuynck. We are requesting that the city of Rock Island vacate this street to us (the Lantz's and Demuynck's) so that we can split it 50/50.

There are no sidewalks on this street and it is all over grown in the back. We requested the city to come and trim the branches down so that you could see the "Road Ends" sign at the back. The grass is starting to grow up over the street as well. No one really does much with the street except for the people that drive back there to dump bags of leaves or unload trucks full of dirt in to the ravine (see pictures attached).

There is a little creek back there, condos on the other side and businesses. We would like to take up the street and build a garage on our half of the property. If it is the way it is right now we do not have the room for a garage and a place for our children to play. Instead of selling our house and moving from Rock Island, we are requesting that you vacate the street to us so that we can build the garage and have a nice yard. This will also end all of the people who think that it is ok to dump leaves, dirt and garbage back there. Please take a moment to look over the pictures on the next page to see what this area looks like right now. It is an eye sore for us and the Demuynck's.

I also need to add that Tom and Lindsey Demuynck also want this street to be vacated. We were going to both sign this letter together but Tom and Lindsey just got married last Saturday and are on their honeymoon. This letter comes from both the Lantz family as well as the Demuynck family.

Please let us both know when you will have a city council meeting so that we can be there to address any questions that you may have. Thank you for taking this in to consideration and please let us help make Rock Island beautiful.

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Carrie Lantz 9/13/2011

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(Above) These pictures were actually taken today (9/13/11). A truck dumped a load of dirt.



(Above) This is what the street looks like now. It is all overgrown and you can see the dirt that the people dumped today. They actually dumped it on the street in front of the "Road Ends" sign.

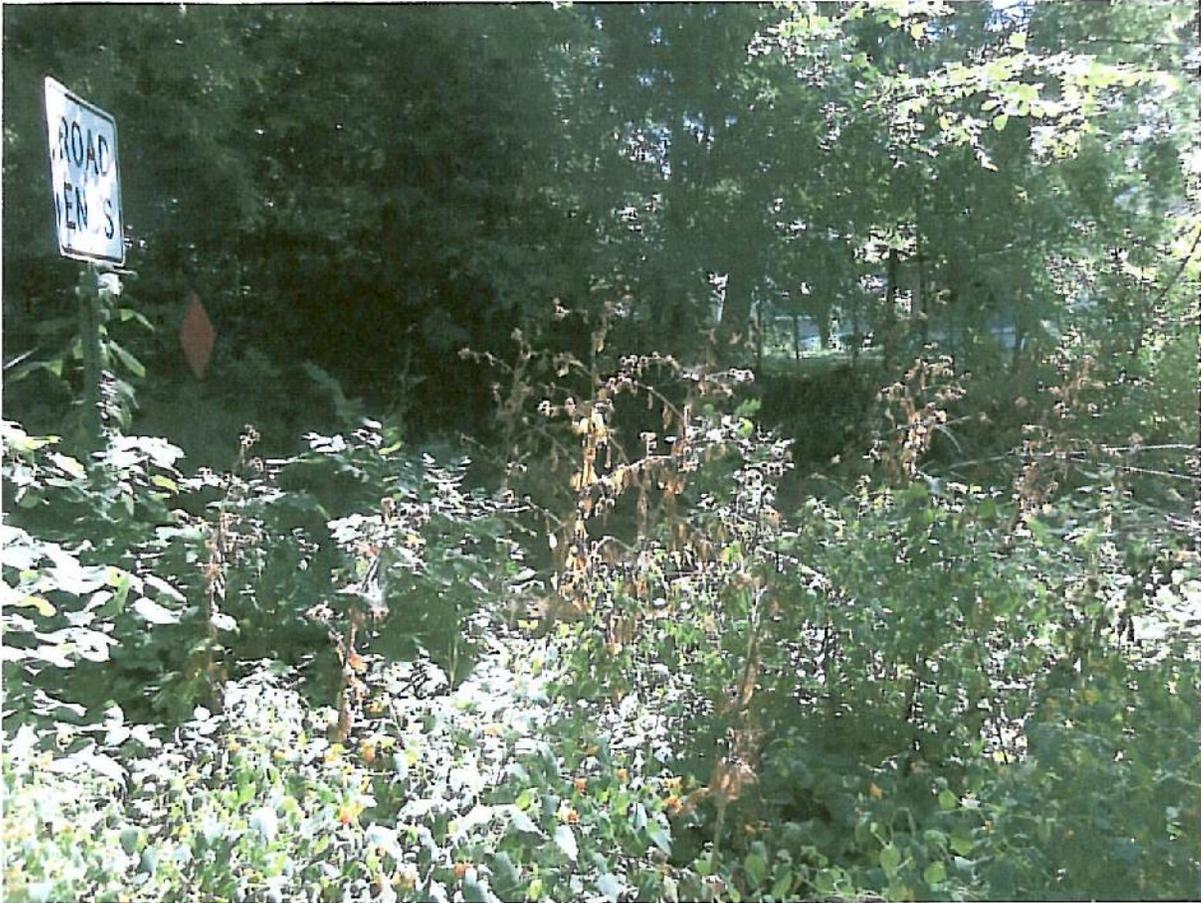


This is a picture of the side of our fence. If you look close you can see it. You can also see a path where people have worn walking from back in the ravine to the businesses on the Moline side. While they are walking they like to leave behind a lot of trash (see next picture).



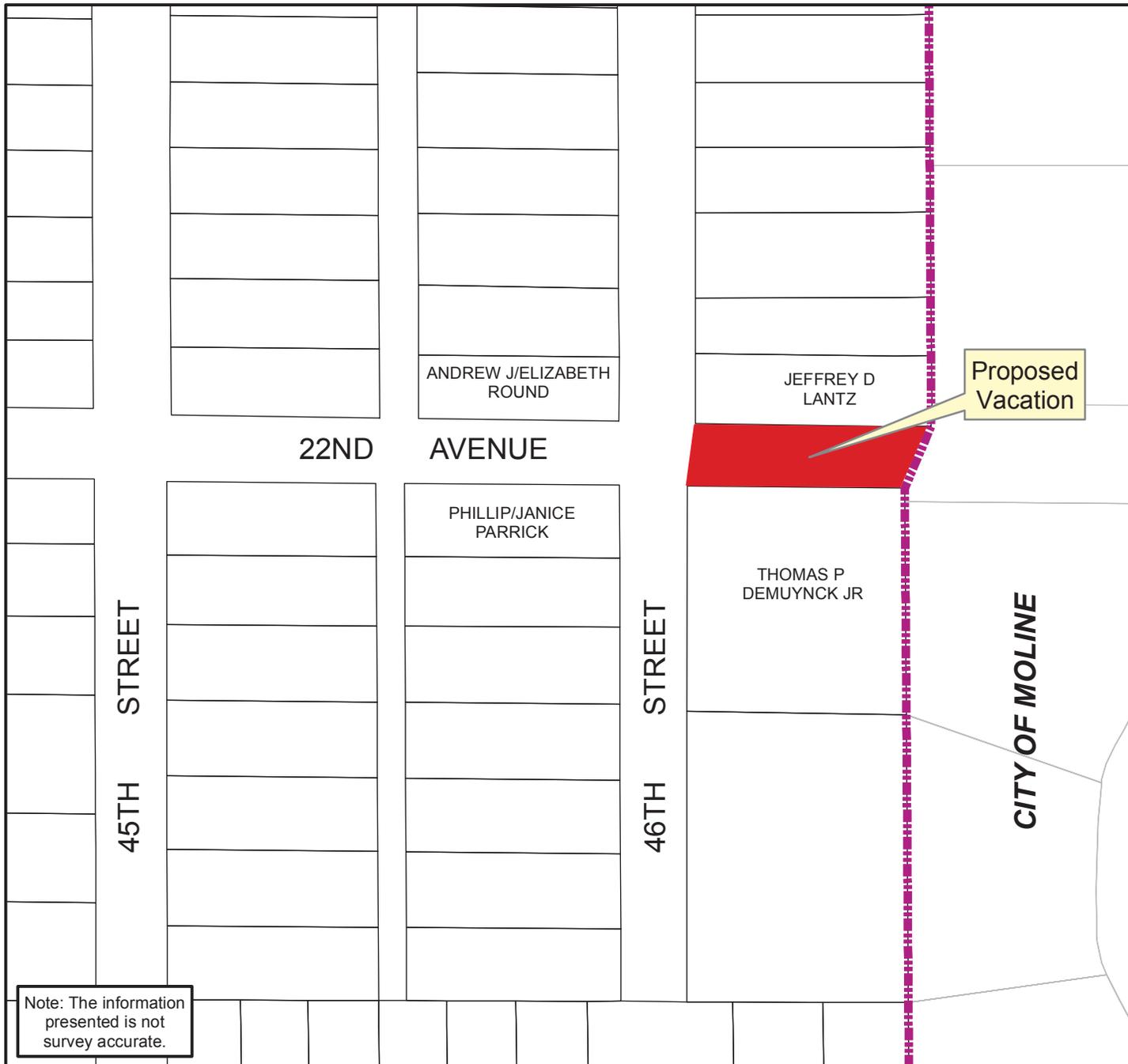
Trash is scattered around back there.

Below is a picture of our side of the street looking at Tom and Lindsey's side. You can see how far over grown it is.



Here is what the most recent dumpers left at the back of the street.

VACATION LOCATION MAP



Note: The information presented is not survey accurate.

VACATION LOCATION MAP

Legend

-  Parcels
-  Subject Property

DR. BY: K. G. D.

APPR. BY: A.M.C./A.F.



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AERIAL VACATION LOCATION MAP

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