



**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
PATHWAY COMMISSION**

**Thursday, July 11, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

DISTRIBUTION

Pat Liss, Chairperson
Marilou McGirr
Todd Davis
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Mayor Grasso
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Trustee Mital
Trustee Schiappa
Doug Pollock
David Preissig
Evan Walter

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2019**
- 4. REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS FOR SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE OF
COUNTY LINE ROAD FROM WOODGATE DRIVE TO 60TH STREET**
- 5. UPDATE OF SIDEWALK PROJECTS**
 - East side of County Line Road from Longwood Drive to 60th Street
 - Garfield Avenue Sidewalk Countryside Court South
- 6. DISCUSSION OF MAYOR GRASSO'S RECOMMENDATION TO
CONSOLIDATE PATHWAY COMMISSION AND STREET POLICY
COMMITTEE**
- 7. BOARD REPORT**
- 8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**



VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE MEMORANDUM

TO: Village of Burr Ridge Pathway Commission
Pat Liss, Chairperson

FROM: Doug Pollock, Village Administrator

DATE: July 8, 2019

RE: **Agenda Summary for July 11, 2019 Meeting**

The next meeting of the Pathway Commission is Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Included is an agenda for the meeting. The following is a staff summary of the agenda.

4. REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS FOR SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE OF COUNTY LINE ROAD FROM WOODGATE DRIVE TO 60TH STREET

Attached is a request from residents on Woodgate Drive for a crosswalk or a sidewalk that would connect their subdivision to 60th Street. They are suggesting either a sidewalk on the west side of County Line Road from Woodgate north to 60th Street or a crosswalk at Woodgate Drive to access the sidewalk to be constructed on the east side of County Line Road.

Also attached is a memorandum from Village Engineer Dave Preissig. Dave's memo may be summarized as follows:

- County Line Road is under the jurisdiction of Cook County Highway Department (CCHD). CCHD has informed the Village that a crosswalk at Woodgate Drive does not meet their criteria and, thus, would not be allowed.
- The estimated cost for a sidewalk connecting Woodgate Drive with 60th Street is \$824,000.
- Dave's memo also addresses the construction of a sidewalk from Woodgate Drive south to Cabernet Court. The Pathway Commission will recall this project was met with considerable opposition from residents of Burr Ridge Club. It also does not satisfy the Woodgate residents desire for a more direct access to Katherine Legge Park and Elm School.

5. UPDATE OF OTHER SIDEWALK PROJECTS

Also included in Dave's memo is an update on sidewalk construction projects. Both the County Line Road sidewalk and the Garfield Avenue sidewalk are expected to be completed this year.

**6. DISCUSSION OF MAYOR GRASSO'S RECOMMENDATION TO
CONSOLIDATE PATHWAY COMMISSION AND STREET POLICY
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Grasso has asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the July 11 meeting.

7. BOARD REPORT

The Pathway Fund budget was approved in April, 2019. A copy of the budget is attached.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There is no new or old business to report at this time.



M E M O

To: Doug Pollock, Village Administrator
From: David Preissig, P.E., Director of Public Works & Village Engineer
Date: July 9, 2019
Subject: Engineering Summaries for Pathway Commission: July 11, 2019 Meeting

STATUS OF COUNTY LINE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT, EAST SIDE FROM LONGWOOD DRIVE TO 60TH STREET

As directed by this Commission and Village Board, staff and its engineering consultant proceeded with an accelerated schedule toward constructing a sidewalk along the east side of County Line Road between Longwood Drive and 60th Street. A federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant, in the amount of \$284,000 and provided through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, would expire this year if a construction contract were not awarded.

The Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a bid opening for this project on April 26, 2019. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from Davis Concrete Construction Co. of Monee, Illinois, in the amount of \$667,393.73. The STP grant will be fully expended and the Village's General Fund has budgeted sufficient funds for the remainder.

Constructed is anticipated to begin in late July 2019, and be completed by October 2019. The Village has already informed the King-Bruwaert House senior living community, as well as the Katherine Legge Park and Lodge, operated by the Village of Hinsdale.

STATUS OF GARFIELD AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This project connects a sidewalk in Burr Ridge (at Countryside Court) with a sidewalk in Willowbrook (at 6411 Garfield Street). This short segment will fill in a sidewalk gap along Garfield Avenue and now connect Burr Ridge neighborhoods to schools, parks, and shopping. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was executed between the two Villages on June 10, 2019. The IGA provides for the Village of Burr Ridge to engineer and construct the sidewalk and for Willowbrook to pay the Village its fair share portion of the cost. Burr Ridge has received a \$100,000 grant to pay for its portion of the sidewalk.

The engineering firm of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., of Rosemont, Illinois, has been retained to complete the survey, design, and plan preparation for this project. The survey and preliminary design is underway and adjacent residents have been notified of the project.

The anticipated schedule would complete the project in calendar year 2019 in order to meet the grant deadlines. A preliminary design will be reviewed by staff in both Villages in late July. Around the first week of August, the five (5) adjacent residents of Burr Ridge and Willowbrook will be invited to meet with staff of both Villages, review the plan, and ask any questions about construction impacts. Subsequent to this meeting, final design and bid documents will be completed to obtain construction bids in late August. Following concurrence by both Village Boards in awarding a contract for construction, the project could begin in September 2019 and completed by late October 2019.

OPTIONS AND COSTS FOR WEST SIDE COUNTY LINE ROAD PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS

As noted above, the pathway network along County Line Road will be completed in Fall 2019 when the Village constructs a concrete sidewalk along its east side, between Longwood Drive and 60th Street. Along the west side of County Line Road, the existing sidewalk extends north from Plainfield Road, past Cabernet Court, then terminates at the property line of 6330 County Line Road. Residents to the north of this location, including the Burr Ridge Club and Woodgate Subdivision (Woodgate Drive), do not currently have access to this completed sidewalk network.

Recently, a majority of residents on Woodgate Drive requested consideration of a sidewalk or crosswalk that provides safe access to the east side of County Line Road and the soon-to-be completed pathway network. The following three (3) options were suggested by Woodgate Drive residents to achieve this goal:

Option 1 – Crosswalk at Woodgate Drive across County Line Road

Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOTH) has maintenance and permitting jurisdiction on County Line Road. Recently, CCDOTH traffic engineers were asked by Village staff to provide a signed and striped crosswalk from Woodgate Drive to the east side of County Line Road. CCDOTH engineers advised that this option is not feasible and cannot be provided nor permitted because the low pedestrian use expected at this crossing does not warrant a crosswalk at this location. County engineers stated that the expected number of pedestrians is too low to justify a crossing at Woodgate Drive.

In comparison, the crosswalks on County Line Road at 60th Street and 57th Street are warranted because they both have existing sidewalks with neighborhood connectivity that generates a higher pedestrian use.

Option 2 – Sidewalk connecting Woodgate Drive to Cabernet Court

Sidewalk along the west side of County Line Road, connecting Woodgate Drive to Cabernet Court, was discussed by this Commission in 2011 and evaluated as an alternate to the east side proposed sidewalk. This is a viable option that provides a pathway to Plainfield Road, at which signalized intersection a striped crosswalk exists to the east side of County Line Road.



Applying actual bid prices from our 2019 project to the scope of work evaluated in 2011, the present-day estimated costs would be \$419,000 for construction and approximately \$57,000 for engineering updates and permitting with Cook County. Therefore, the total cost for Option 2 would be approximately \$476,000. Grant opportunities for this improvement are unlikely, since a parallel sidewalk on the east side would already be provided. It should be noted that with the east-side sidewalk project, the Village was unsuccessful in three (3) previous requests to increase our STP grant, as well as two (2) requests to other agencies for supplemental funding.

Option 3 – Sidewalk connecting Woodgate Drive to 60th Street

Sidewalk proposed along the west side of County Line Road, connecting Woodgate Drive to the signalized, flashing beacon crosswalk at 60th Street, was briefly discussed at the Commission meeting of November 12, 2015. This pathway option is a shorter, more intuitive connection to an existing crosswalk. However, this route is complicated by a stream crossing with a regulated floodway and wetlands, as well as steep slopes and dense woodland just north of Woodgate Drive. The topography on the west side of County Line Road is such that this option would likely require a retaining wall structure similar to that constructed on German Church Road that avoids impacting the floodway.

Based on our experience with design and construction of German Church Road, and using actual bid prices from our 2019 sidewalk project, the estimated costs would be \$675,000 for construction, which includes approximately \$400,000 for a retaining wall structure. Additional costs estimated at \$149,000 would be necessary for its engineering design, floodway and wetland assessment, structural engineering, and permitting with Cook County. Therefore, the total cost for Option 3 is approximately \$824,000 for the 900-foot section of sidewalk. Grant opportunities for this improvement may include the Illinois Safe Routes to School program, which was recently re-introduced in 2019 after a five-year hiatus. At its previous (2014) funding levels, SRTS had funded projects at 80 percent (80%) of the construction costs, up to a maximum of \$160,000.



PATHWAY COMMISSION

VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Chairperson Pat Liss, Commissioner Luisa Hoch, and Commissioner Todd Davis
ABSENT: Commissioner Marilou McGirr and Commissioner Elaine Layden
ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Doug Pollock

3. **APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2018 MINUTES**

Commissioner Davis noted that in agenda item #6 in the minutes, the sentence reads that: "Mr. Pollock reported that the Pathway Commission recommends a sidewalk on 87th Street." He said that it should state that the Pathway Plan recommends a sidewalk on 87th Street. Mr. Pollock said he would make that correction.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davis and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoch to approve the July 12, 2018 minutes subject to the above-noted change. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED** by a 3 - 0 voice vote of the Pathway Commission.

4. **RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR GARFIELD STREET SIDEWALK**

Mr. Pollock stated that the Pathway Commission previously recommended construction of a sidewalk on Garfield Street that would connect a Burr Ridge sidewalk at 63rd Street with a Village of Willowbrook sidewalk to the south. A portion of the sidewalk would be in Willowbrook, and Willowbrook has agreed to participate in the funding of this project. The project is in the Pathway Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020-21.

Mr. Pollock said that the Village has received grant funding for this project through the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and staff is recommending that the Village proceed with the project in fiscal year 2019-20. To proceed, it is staff's recommendation that the Pathway Commission request authorization from the Board of Trustees to hold a public hearing for this project.

A **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Liss and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoch to request authorization from the Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing for the Garfield Street sidewalk project. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED** by a 3 - 0 voice vote of the Pathway Commission.

5. **UPDATE OF OTHER SIDEWALK PROJECTS**

Mr. Pollock noted that the County Line Road sidewalk is in final engineering and is expected to be under construction later this year. He added that the staff will continue to pursue opportunities for funding a sidewalk on South Frontage Road west of County Line Road.

6. I-55 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPTIONS

Mr. Pollock said that one of the Village Board's strategic goals for 2017-19 is to "research options for pedestrian bridge over I-55" and that Village Engineer Dave Preissig has prepared two options which were included in the agenda packet.

The Commission discussed the options and generally expressed their preference for the western option. The Commission concluded that the Village should continue to consider this project.

7. FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The Commission reviewed the preliminary draft of the 2019-20 Pathway Fund Budget.

8. BOARD REPORT

There was no discussion regarding the Board Report.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Liss noted landscaping that overhangs the sidewalk by the cooling pond on North Frontage Road. Commissioner Hoch noted railroad ties used as a retaining wall on 91st Street were in disrepair. Mr. Pollock said he would forward those comments to the Public Works Department.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davis and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoch to **ADJOURN** this meeting. **ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

J. Douglas Pollock, AICP

From: [Danielle Dittus](#)
To: [Douglas Pollock](#)
Cc: [David Preissig](#)
Subject: Re: Woodgate Drive Residents: Statement for Pathway Commission
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:05:06 AM

Good Morning, Doug.

Thanks for your prompt response.

Because we'd rather start a dialogue about this now as opposed to waiting two more months until the next Pathway Commission meeting, we are thankful you've offered to share our letter with the Commission members and the engineer. As previously mentioned, we are available for a discussion prior to the 5/9 meeting, should anyone have a question or comment.

Meanwhile, it occurred to me over the weekend that we failed in our letter to provide a third suggestion to address our concern of how to safely cross County Line Road, from Woodgate Drive. Our third suggestion would be to look into installing a three-way stop sign. A three-way stop sign would not only make cars stop so we can safely walk across the street but it would also help us drivers safely turn off of Woodgate Drive onto County Line Road. As it stands now, especially during rush hours, we drivers are having to sit at the stop sign on Woodgate Drive for several minutes at a time before we can sneak an opening to pull out on to County Line. Sometimes we have to hit the gas and gun it to get off of our street. Otherwise we can be sitting there for 5+ minutes waiting to go. It's all around unsafe, from a walking and driving perspective to safely exit Woodgate Drive onto County Line Road.

We have 14 school aged children on Woodgate Drive; ranging from pre-school to college. We want to make our street is a safe place to enter and exit by foot and by car.

We would appreciate your assistance as to how best to address our safety concerns.

Thanks again,

Danielle L. Dittus
C 773-412-1356

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2019, at 9:02 AM, Douglas Pollock <DPOLLOCK@burr-ridge.gov> wrote:

Danielle,

Thursday's Pathway Commission meeting has been canceled. The next meeting of the Pathway Commission is scheduled for May 9, 2019, 7 pm at the Village Hall. Your request will be on the next agenda.

In the meantime, I will share your letter with the Pathway Commission and with the Village Engineer. We will look into both options you have suggested (a sidewalk on the

west side or a pedestrian crossing).

Doug Pollock, AICP
Village Administrator
Village of Burr Ridge
(630) 654-8181, Ext. 2000

From: Danielle Dittus [<mailto:trusteedittus@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Douglas Pollock <DPOLLOCK@BURR-RIDGE.GOV>
Cc: Evan Walter <EWalter@burr-ridge.gov>
Subject: Woodgate Drive Residents: Statement for Pathway Commission

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PLEASE CONFIRM UPON RECEIPT

Good Afternoon, Doug.

Pursuit to the regularly scheduled Pathway Commission meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 14, 2019, please find the attached statement representing the questions and concerns Woodgate Drive residents have in regards to the proposed sidewalk to be installed on the east side of County Line Road.

Will you please let us know if our concern will be added to the agenda for the 3/14 meeting so that Woodgate residents can make sure there is representation for public comment? If on the other hand this matter can be addressed via email or written letter, please send your response to the following address and I will, in turn, share it with Woodgate Drive residents.

Contact Information:
Danielle Dittus
15 Woodgate Drive
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
Email: trusteedittus@gmail.com

Finally, I was unable to locate the email addresses for the folks on the Pathway Commission. If you would be so kind as to share our letter with them, we would greatly appreciate it. I've noted below that we wish for them to be cc'd on any/all communication in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Danielle L. Dittus

Cc: Burr Ridge Pathway Commission

Evan Walter

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<2019-03-07 Statement Woodgate Drive Residents.pdf>

Residents of Woodgate Drive

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

March 7, 2019

Burr Ridge Pathway Commission

Attn: J. Douglas Pollack & BR Pathway Commission

Via email: dpollock@burr-ridge.gov; ewalter@burr-ridge.gov

Re: Woodgate Drive Residents - Sidewalk Request

Dear Doug,

In response to learning that funding for a public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road has been approved, residents on Woodgate Drive concur that installing a side-walk(s) along County Line Road, will increase the walkability of the neighborhood and add much needed safety measures to those traveling by foot. We know also that sidewalks foster a greater sense of community and promote a healthy lifestyle. To date, there is no sidewalk, nor is there a plan for a sidewalk on the west Side of County Line Road. Residents of Woodgate Drive herby propose the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of County Line Road and/or the addition of a cross-walk designed to safely allow Woodgate residents to cross from the west side of County Line Road to the proposed public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road.

We understand funding has been approved for the installation of a public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road. If installation of a sidewalk on the east side were to commence, residents on Woodgate Drive would have no way to cross the street from the west side of County Line Road to safely access the sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road. The lack of safe accessibility from the west side of the street to the proposed sidewalk on the east side raises a serious public safety concern for residents on Woodgate Drive. In recent years, we've seen a steady increase in traffic on County Line Road creating less opportunity for residents on Woodgate Drive to safely cross the street. Statistics from the Burr Ridge Police Department corroborate that the increase in traffic has initiated an increase in traffic safety violations and speeding tickets making it more dangerous than ever for residents on Woodgate Drive to safely cross County Line Road to access a public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road.

Woodgate Drive is comprised of 10 properties. To date 9 of the 10 property owners have confirmed that they are in favor of installing a sidewalk on the west side of County Line Road and/or a cross-walk designed to safely allow Woodgate resident to cross from the west side of County Line Road to the proposed public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road. (*Signature's contained herein*). To safely access the

proposed sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road, Woodgate residents hereby request your consideration to approve one of the following:

- A sidewalk to be installed on the west side of County Line Road from Woodgate Drive north to Sedgley Street/60th Street where there is a cross-walk to safely access the east side of County Line Road. A second consideration would be a sidewalk from Woodgate Drive going South, as far as we can go before touching Burr Ridge Club Property, that would lead to a cross-walk to allow easier access to the public sidewalk on the east side of the street.
- A cross-walk to be placed within reasonable proximity to Woodgate Drive so that pedestrians can safely cross County Line Road to access the public sidewalk on the East side of the street.

Having attended previous Pathway Commission meetings, Woodgate residents are aware that the Pathway Commission approved initial consideration to apply for funding for a sidewalk on both the east and west side of the street, pending engineering. To date only funding for the east side of the street has been applied for. As previously stated, 90% of Woodgate Drive residents are in favor of a sidewalk on the West side of the street which represents an overwhelming majority. The resident at 3 Woodgate Drive, whose property will be most affected by the addition of a sidewalk, is in favor of the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of the street. *(See Martin & Tania Lapointe signature(s) herein)*. The argument that one resident on Woodgate Drive does not want a sidewalk, therefore suggesting applying for funding is null and void, will not hold up.

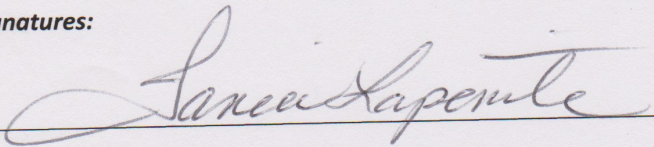
Woodgate Drive residents hereby request that the Burr Ridge Pathway Commission provide said residents with a written document to outline how they suggest Woodgate residents cross County Line Road from the west side of the street to the east side of the street to safely access the proposed public sidewalk to be installed on the east side of County Line Road, considering the suggestions outlined above. Please also consider that installing a public sidewalk on the east side of County Line Road and not addressing a safe route for all the public to access the sidewalk would create a serious liability for the city, if an accident occurred.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Woodgate Drive Residents

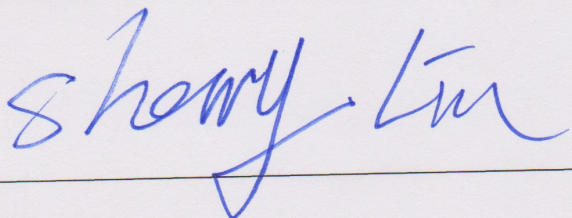
I hereby certify that I have read the attached letter to the Burr Ridge Pathway Commission and I agree with the proposal for the addition of a sidewalk or crosswalk as proposed herein.

Signatures:

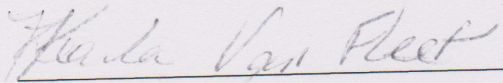


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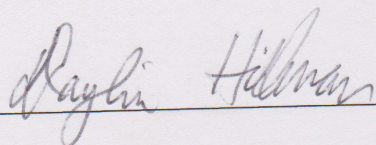
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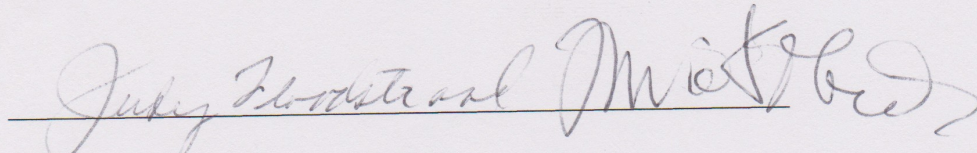
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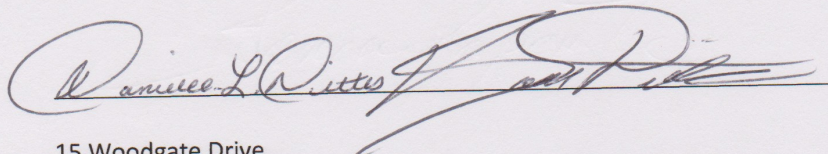


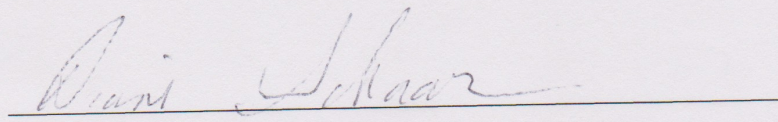
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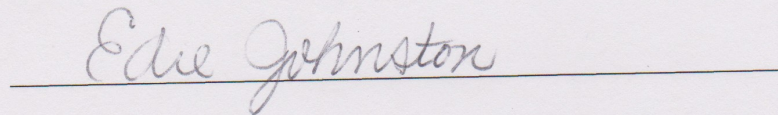


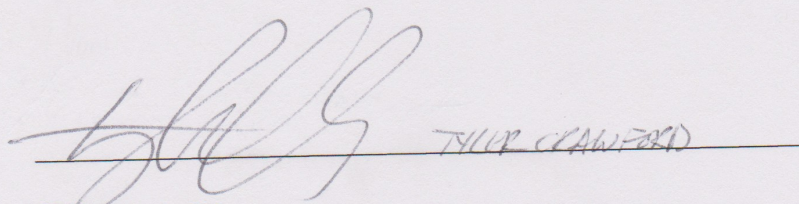
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