

I am a resident on Troy Drive (south side) and attended some of the meetings to oppose this assessment. It appeared that the vast majority of those attending the meetings opposed the installation of sidewalks on Troy Drive, even when it was only on the north side of the street, and only from Northport to School Road. When I read in the newspaper that Mayor Ciezlewicz was looking for ways to cut costs, I immediately thought of the Troy Drive sidewalks as a needless expense that could easily be cut without reducing current services.

Aside from the personal and tax costs for the sidewalk per se, there would be additional costs in time and/or money for keeping the sidewalk clear of snow. On our property, a retaining wall will have to be built, which will make it unfeasible to get our lawnmower into storage in the winter. The excavation for the sidewalk may endanger our beautiful red maple tree.

I frequently walk down Troy Drive, and do not feel endangered. Northport with its sidewalks is only a short detour for people who wish to avoid walking on the street.

In summary, I oppose the Troy Drive sidewalks because they are unnecessary, inconvenient and expensive.

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