

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD

Agenda
March 16, 2021
4:30 PM

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 2A. February 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - 4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative
 - 4B. Update on Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park trail project
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - Michael Miller –
 - Gene Shaw –
 - Jim Sonneson –
 - Natalie Peterson –
 - Kelly Tasky –
 - Dwight Morrison –
 - Jenna Warmuth –
 - Jesse Stokke –
8. **ADJOURN**

Because attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the health pandemic, Hermantown's March 16, 2021, Park Board meeting will be conducted remotely, utilizing the platform "Zoom" – which allows the public to view and/or hear the meeting from their phone or computer.

Beginning shortly before 4:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021, this meeting will be available at:

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A few important tips regarding the Zoom platform:

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1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Miller; Gene Shaw; Jim Sonneson; Dwight Morrison; Jesse Stokke; Kelly Tasky; and Natalie Peterson.

Members Absent: Jenna Warmuth.

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Natalie Hoff; Crystal Holden, Hermantown Softball.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Jim Sonneson to approve the January 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gene Shaw. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative.

Eric Johnson, Community Development Director, updated the board members of the Community Recreation Initiative (CRI) survey. The deadline is March 1, 2021. To date, 622 responses have been received, and he noted that the City should hear in May from the Minnesota Legislature.

Natalie Peterson suggested the Park Board draft a letter to better support the legislative effort with the use of sales tax.

4B. Update on Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park trail feasibility study.

Eric stated that he has met with the City Engineer, David Bolf, and that the plans for the trail segment (Keene Creek Park to Morris Thomas Road) will be wrapped up shortly, and that it is anticipated that the plans will be bid on by April, with a completion date of June 30, 2021.

Funding – remaining grant (\$120,000 to \$140,000) that was received by the Greater Minnesota Reg. of Parks & Trails Commission is available. The remainder will come from park dedication fees, which is approximately \$170,000.

4C. Update on Transportation Alternatives Grant Submission

According to Eric, the City's application was received as #4 of 12 applications submitted, and that only the top 3 applications were funded. The application will again be submitted in 2022. Eric noted that there are additional grants (DNR connector) that will become available.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Discussion on Keene Creek Park

Eric discussed with the Board that with the trail soon coming through, Keene Creek Park is the most natural of all the parks in Hermantown and has the opportunity for enhancements.

Currently, there is a softball field in the Park that has not been used in some time. There is also a large grassy turf area which currently serves as the defacto dog park in Hermantown. Under the trail plan, the City is providing a concrete pad area with picnic tables, a trash receptacle and bike rack. Eric added that a playground area would also be nice there.

Jim Sonneson stated that he has seen people at the Park eating their take-out meals. He agreed that more picnic tables would be needed, that the backstop on the softball field should be completed and weed control should be done on the field.

A decision will be centered around different options for the field, namely a dog park, disc golf, or usage by softball.

Natalie suggested choosing a destination activity for the Park.

Dwight Morrison suggested a covered area with bathroom facilities.

Kelly Tasky is interested in seeing a large playground at the Park.

Jesse likes all of the ideas presented, but he's concerned about the Park being out of sight out of mind and who will monitor the Park.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

21-10 Correspondence from Ben Sosniecki, 5320 Sunnyview Rd. regarding Maple Grove Property.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Miller – None.

Gene Shaw – None.

Jim Sonneson – None.

Kelly Tasky – None

Dwight Morrison – Security at Keene Creek Park.

Jenna Warmuth – Absent.

Jesse Stokke – None.

Natalie Peterson – None.

8. ADJOURN

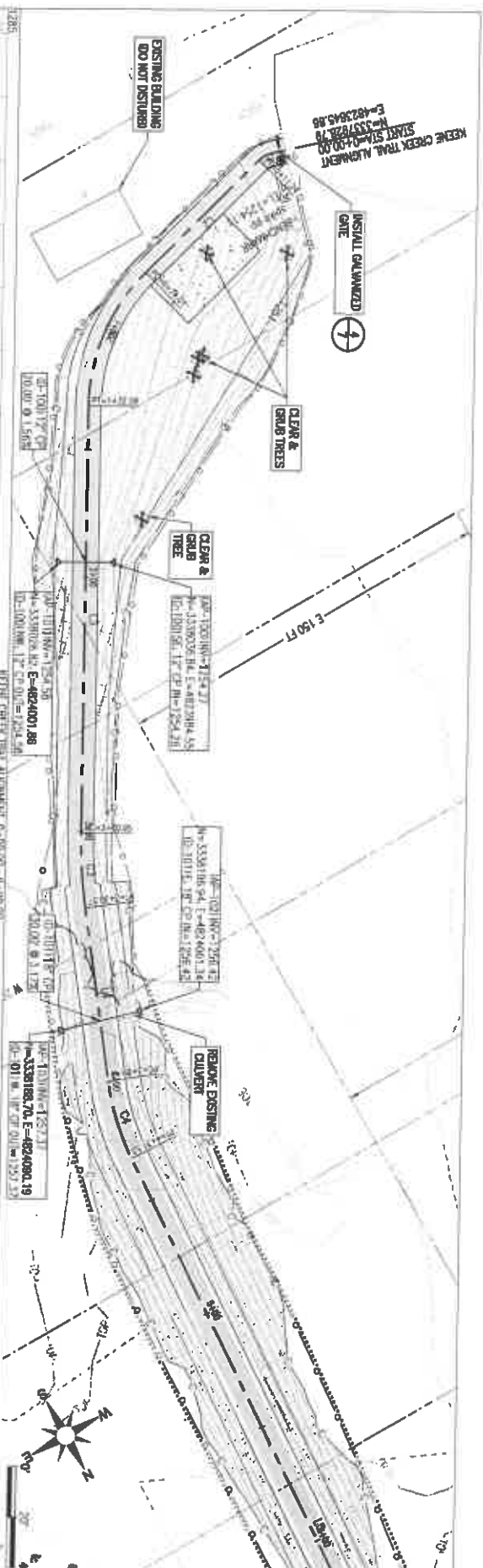
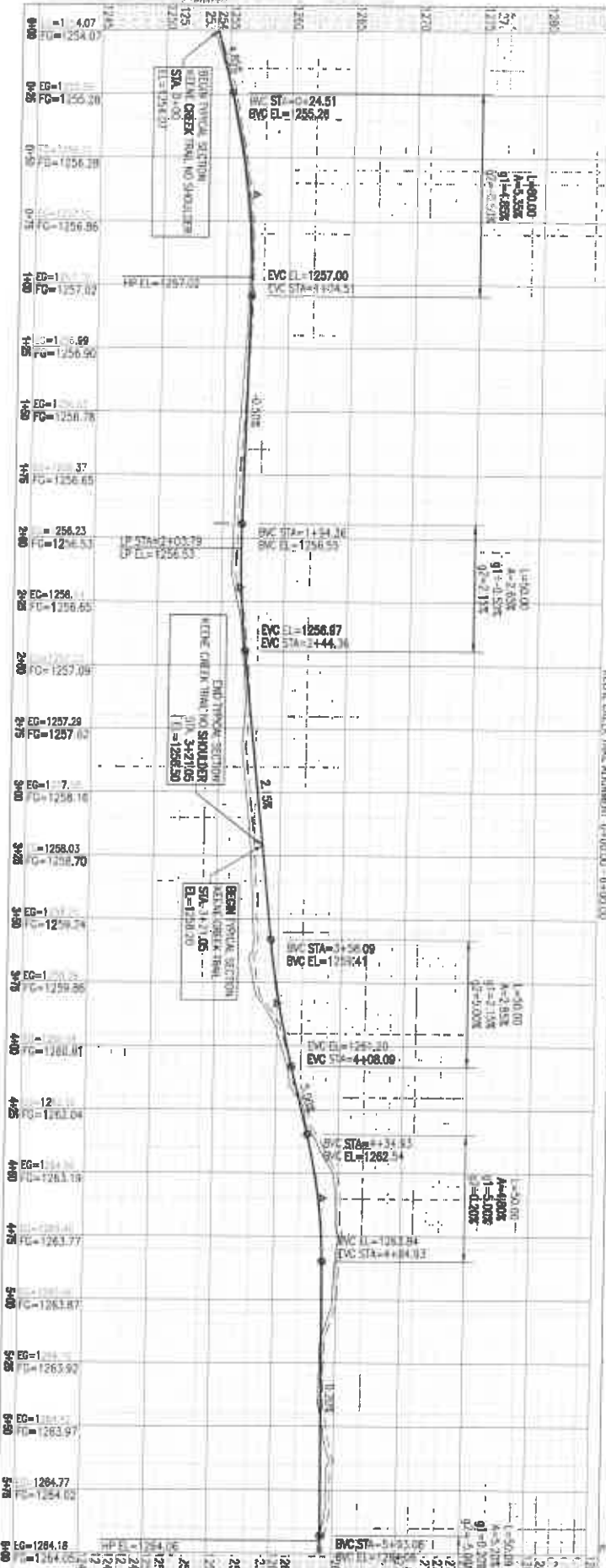
Motion made by Gene Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dwight Morrison. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Officiated by:

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Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant



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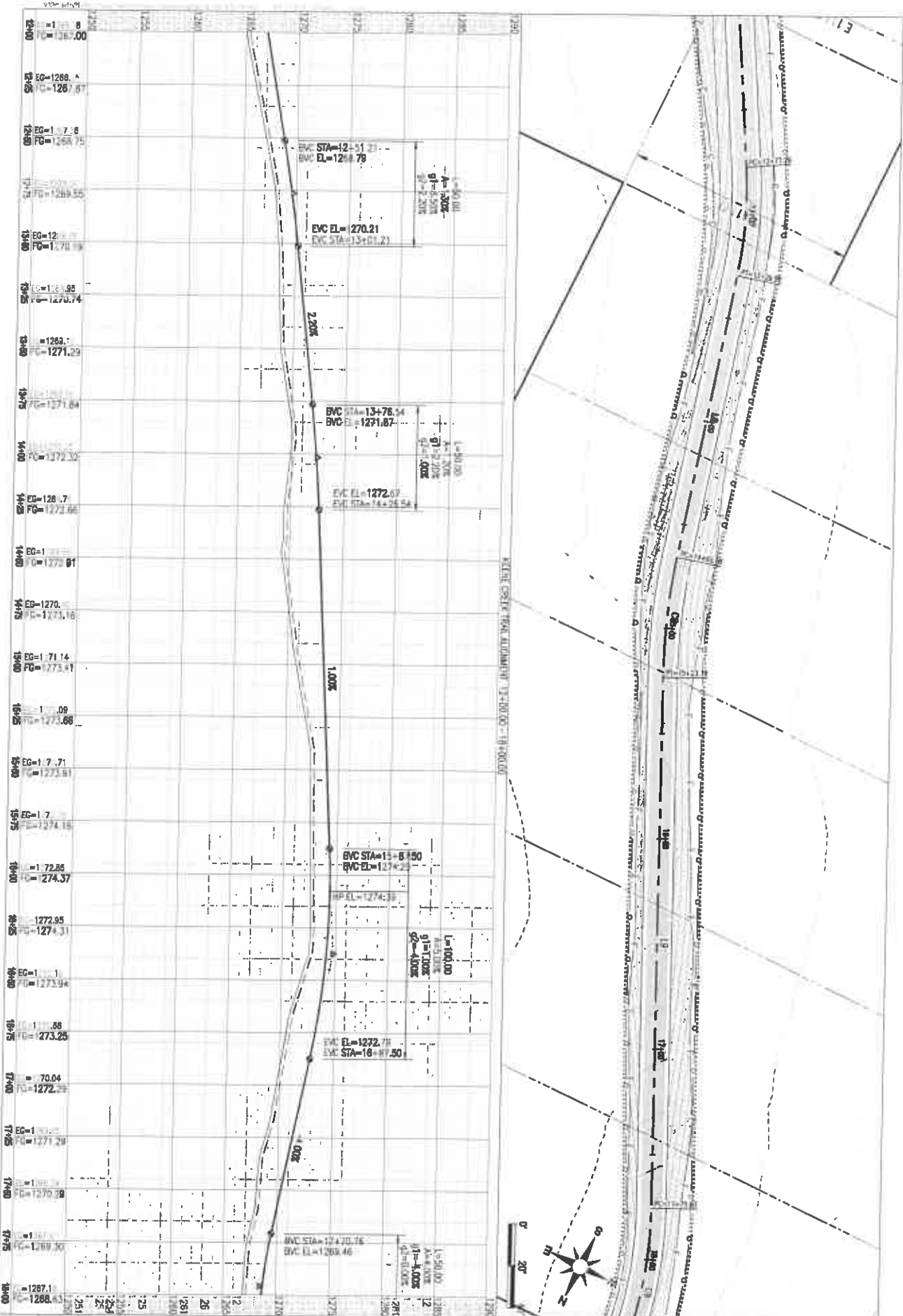
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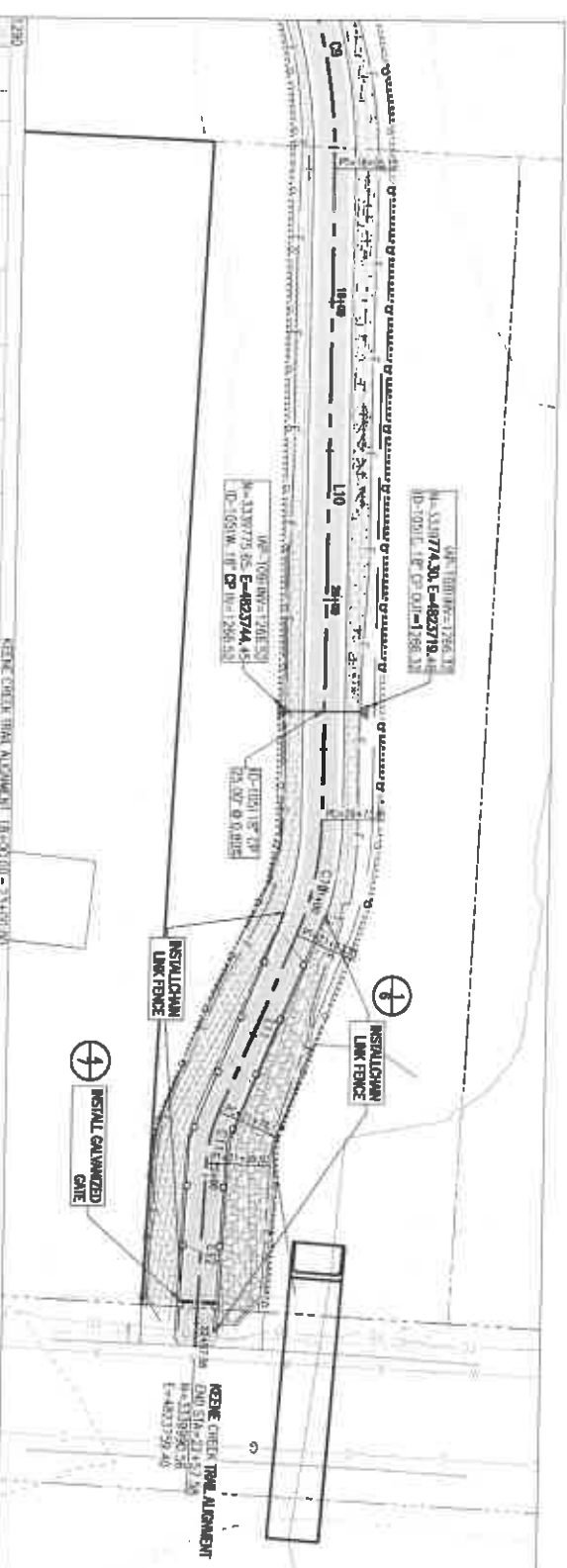
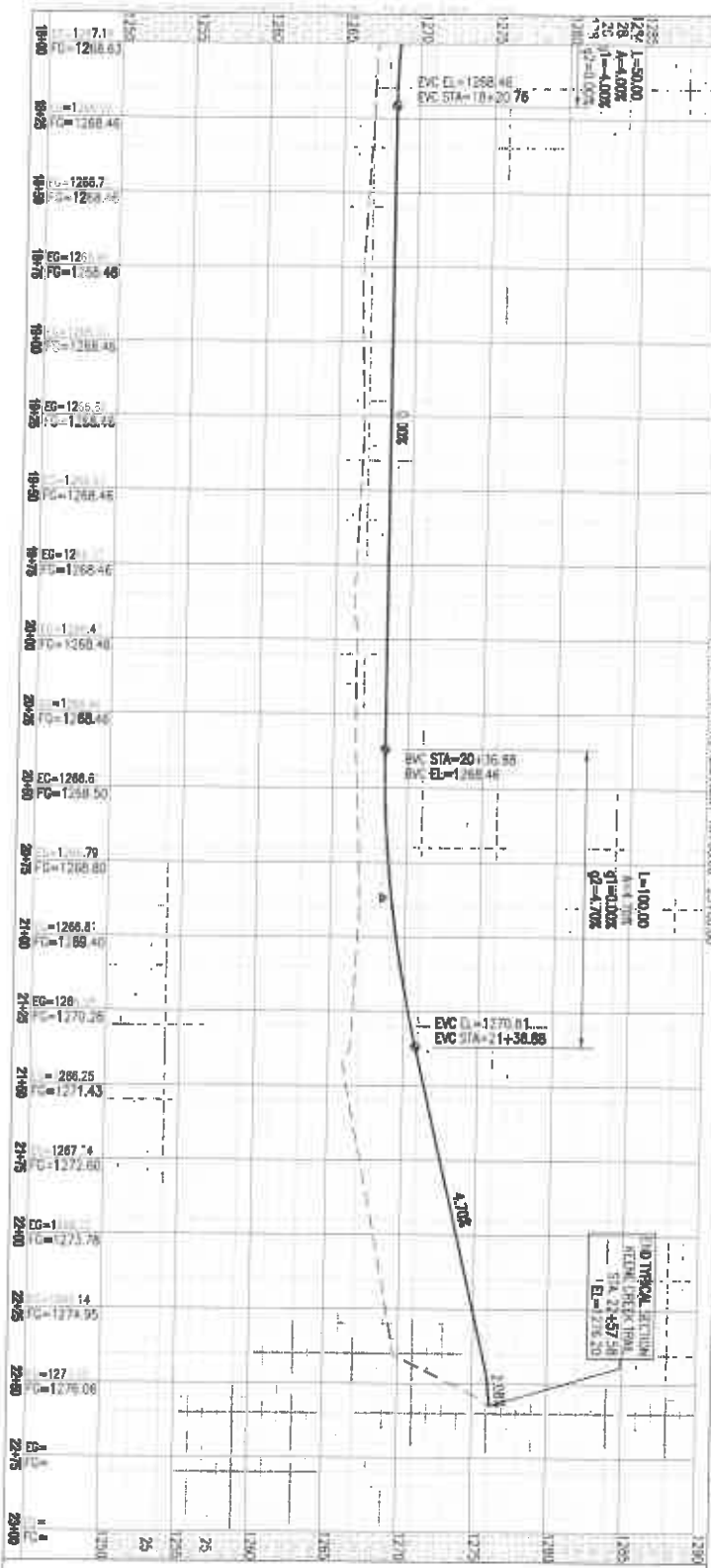


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