

## Meeting with Jimmy Hill from Summers-Taylor

Paul Kelley, Joe Abounader and Joe Tummers met with Jimmy Hill, who heads Summers-Taylor's concrete sales, on August 1, 2016.

Summers-Taylor would not be competitive for a job like ours, but would be interested in supplying the concrete mix through our contractor.

Jimmy believes, that part of our problem is, that the concrete was poured too wet and the surface worked over too much. Therefore our surface layer is crumbling. Also, the driveways should have been cut or grooved into smaller areas. When grooving the grooves should be deep enough (at least 1"), otherwise cracking will still occur (see many of our walkways).

Concrete driveways should be sealed regularly (every 2 years or so) to prevent water penetration, which in turn could cause crumbling upon freezing.

He provided the following recommendations:

- ideal time of year to pour driveways is October (not too much sun, wind or humidity);
- make sure there is a solid bedrock for the concrete;
- a 4" pour should suffice to give a 3,800 psi strength, using a fiber in the mix;
- within a day or so after pouring a "curing sealer" should be applied;
- driveways and walkways should be cut (or deep-grooved) into smaller areas to prevent cracking;
- after pouring driveways and walkways will need at least one week to cure and need to be kept moist (misting) during that time to optimize strength.

We should expect to pay \$5.50 to \$6.00/sq.ft.

Jimmy Hill recommended the following contractors who will do a good job:

Matt Bray	340-1631
Matt Burke	218-5934
B.J. Ricker	552-3910
Dave Bartholemew	791-0703

They all have workman's comp.