

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 1, 2009
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Jon Monson

Request to Trim Maple Trees at Parkway

Dana Young stated that he received a request from Dyke Williams, 3725 Parkway, to trim three Maple trees located within the Parkway. He stated that Mr. Williams complained that the trees blocked his vision of the lake and offered to have them trimmed.

The Committee voiced concern whether it would be good policy to allow the trimming of healthy trees on Park property simply to provide a better view for a resident. The Committee also expressed concern that the nature of the trimming would severely impact the appearance of the trees.

Traffic Monitor Results on Northome Road

The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed on Northome Road as a response to Adam Newton's (3592 Northome Road) complaint last month regarding the speed of vehicles on this street.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed on Northome Road from June 10th to June 17th. He stated that the monitor showed that 90% of the traffic traveled at less than 32 mph, the average speed was 26 mph, and that there was an average of approximately 450 cars on Northome Road each day. He stated that this demonstrated that there doesn't appear to be any evidence of excessive speeding on Northome Road but stated that he would have his officers patrol the area more frequently.

Traffic Monitor Results on Heathcote Road

The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed on Heathcote Road as a response to Maryann Olson's (3954 Heathcote Road) complaint last month regarding the speed of vehicles on this street.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed on Heathcote Road from June 18th to June 25th. He stated that the monitor showed that 90% of the traffic traveled at 31 mph or less, the average speed was 25 mph, and that there was an average of approximately 430 cars on Heathcote Road each day. He stated that the monitored demonstrated that there didn't appear to be any evidence of excessive speeding on Heathcote Road apart from the occasional vehicle that did appear to be driving in excess of the speed limit.

Other

Teresa Pendleton asked if anybody has heard anything from Xcel Energy on the Vine Hill Road Electrical Project, which was propose to start around June 11th. Dana Young stated that he would call Xcel Energy to see when they were planning to start the project.

Police Chief Johnson provided an update on the preparations for the 4th of July.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting on a motion by Dana Young. Seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Chowen's Corner Lighting System

The Committee reviewed the Chowen's Corner Lighting System proposals from Frontier Electric Company, Xcel Energy, and Wright-Hennepin Electric Cooperative Association:

Frontier Electric

\$2,500 per post or \$47,500.00.

Xcel Energy

1. **Option No. 1:** The cost to install this Group 5 (Pre Pay Option) street lighting system is \$48,335.00. The monthly per street light fee for the 100W HPS Traditional fixture is \$6.09. Includes the installation of 19-100W traditional fixtures on 18' direct buried FG poles.
2. **Option No. 2:** The Cost to install this Leased street light system is \$18,150.00. The monthly per street light fee for the 100W HPS Traditional fixture is \$16.43. Includes the installation of 19-100W traditional fixtures on 18' direct buried FG poles.
3. **Option No. 3:** The cost to install this Group 5 (Pre Pay Option) street lighting system is \$62,135.00. The monthly per street light fee for the 100W HPS Traditional fixture is \$6.09. Includes the installation of 19-100W colonial fixtures on 18' direct buried FG poles.
4. **Option No. 4:** The cost to install this Group 5 (Pre Pay Option) street lighting system is \$58,182.00. The monthly per street light fee for the 100W HPS Cobra Cutoff fixture is \$6.09. Includes the installation of 19-100W cobra cutoff fixtures on 30' direct buried FG poles.
5. **Option No. 5:** The cost to install this Leased street light system is \$18,150.00. The monthly per street light fee for the 100W HPS Copra Cutoff fixture is \$16.43. Includes the installation of 19-100W cobra cutoff fixtures on 30' direct buried FG poles.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association

Bid price for renovation of lighting system - \$155,000.00.

Dana Young stated that he didn't necessarily intend for the lighting project to move forward this year or even next year, but simply wanted the Committee to review the various cost options available in order to develop a future plan for the eventual replacement of these light fixtures.

Paul Skrede suggested a further review on the condition and location of the existing street lights in order to evaluate whether fewer light poles might be needed in this area.

2010 Capital Projects & Purchases

The Committee issued the following recommendations on the list of 2010 Park Capital Projects & Equipment:

Village Hall Park	Budget	Comments
Ice Rink Boards	5,000	Lower to \$1,000, include a as maintenance item
Tennis Court Rebuild	75,000	Include within 2010 Budget
(2) Picnic Tables	1,500	Purchase only one picnic table
Thorpe Park		
Dinosaur Playground	20,000	In good condition, postpone 5 years
Swingset	1,500	Discuss replacement at later date
Slide	1,500	Review condition, discuss at later date
Shuck Park		
Resurface Tennis Court	10,000	Include within 2010 Budget
Playground Equipment	20,000	Available playground in Children's, postpone 5 yrs
Sign Replacement	1,700	Good condition, postpone 5 years
Swings	3,000	Postpone 5 years
Benches	1,700	Postpone 5 years
Spring Toys	1,500	Postpone 5 years
Basketball Court	1,000	Postpone 5 years
Picnic Table	750	Postpone 5 years

Further discussion was held on the repair of the pavilion roof at Thorpe Park.

Request for Blvd Watering

Dana Young stated that no action is need at this time regarding the request to water the plantings within the boulevard entrance to Amesbury until the official request is received from the Amesbury Homeowner's Association.

Haralson Park Drainage Improvements

Discussion was held on a request to improve the conditions of a natural walkway through Haralson Park along the bottom of the hillside that is susceptible to erosion through water runoff.

Jerry Hudlow suggested that a storm water pipe could be installed to eliminate the runoff through this particular area of the park.

Paul Skrede suggested a crushed rock trail could be installed through this area to help control the natural erosion. Jerry Hudlow expressed concern that the trail would simply wash out after a heavy rain.

Paul Skrede asked the Public Works Department to continue to consider potential options for the repair of erosion through this area of Haralson Park.

Highcrest Drive Storm Sewer Project

Dana Young stated that he received a bid from Chris & Jennifer Wilhelm, 4880 Highcrest Drive, for the control of the storm water runoff across their property. He stated that the bid is from Steele Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$10,221.88 for 240' of ASTF pipe, two catch basins, connectors, landscape fabric and rip rap.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that the City contribute \$5,000.00 towards the alleviation of the storm water runoff problems on Highcrest Drive upon the successful completion of the project and that the project be funded from the Storm Water Fund. Seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 4-0.

Other

Jerry Hudlow stated that he has requested a bid from Bartlett Tree Experts for the annual treatment of Emerald Ash Bore for 25 Ash trees in Thorpe Park in the amount of \$1,317.00.

Motion by John Menzel to recommend approval of the bid in the amount of \$1,317.00 from Bartlett Tree Experts for the annual treatment of Emerald Ash Bore for 25 Ash trees in Thorpe Park. Seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Paul Skrede, seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.