

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 5, 2009
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Teresa Pendleton, Jon Monson, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Police Chief Cory Johnson

Diseased Tree Program

The Committee reviewed the following history on the Diseased Tree Program from 2006 – 2009:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Public Notified</u>	<u># of Trees Marked</u>
2006	46	73
2007	27	47
2008	2	2
2009 *	29	115

Jerry Hudlow provided a brief update on the 2009 Diseased Tree Program for Committee review.

Other

Bruce Wheaton, 20045 Cottagewood Avenue – Bruce Wheaton was present to request a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Cottagewood Avenue and Water Street. He stated that he has seen an increase in the amount and speed of traffic along Cottagewood Avenue and felt that the stop signs would help to decrease the speed of vehicles.

Paul Skrede stated that the Police Department would install the traffic monitor at this intersection to record the amount and speed of traffic in this area. He stated that the Committee will review Mr. Wheaton's request next month when the results of the traffic monitor are available.

Night to Unite – Paul Skrede stated that he had received the following comments during his visits to various neighborhood block parties at last evening's Night to Unite:

- Several requests were made to install more lights around the path at Thorpe Park
- Several negative comments were made concerning the Playground Equipment proposal presented by the Park Committee

No Fishing Sign – Paul Skrede noted that the No Fishing sign at the breakwater dock has been taken down.

Thorpe Park Fountain – Teresa Pendleton stated that she had received a complaint that the fountain in the Thorpe Park Pond has been sputtering and making noises, presumably due to the lower water levels. She stated that the resident was concerned over the excessive noise and if this was damaging the fountain.

Jerry Hudlow stated that he checks the fountain every day and he commonly has to stop and start the fountain to clean the weeds from the fountain. He stated that he doesn't think that the sputtering is detrimental to the pump and that lowering the pump isn't an option because the fountain is set at a predetermined level.

The Committee recommended that the pump should be taken out of the pond next week due to the excessively low water levels.

Jane Shepard Request – Jon Monson stated that he has been requested by Jane Shepard, 4630 Linwood Circle, to request the installation of a No Thru Traffic sign at both ends of Linwood Circle in order to discourage the number of vehicles using Linwood Circle. No action was taken at this time.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting on a motion by Dana Young. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Sewer Backup at 19680 Lakeview Avenue

Dana Young stated that the City had received a complaint from Chris Butzow, 19680 Lakeview Avenue, that his private sewer line freezes each spring and that he has had to hire a contractor to steam the line. Mr. Butzow stated that he has been told by his contractor that the City's manhole is freezing up, which may be causing his own private line to freeze. Dana Young stated that the City Engineer has recommended televising this line later this summer when the contractor is in televising lines in the northern part of Deephaven.

Haralson Park Drainage Improvements

The Committee toured Haralson Park to review the drainage improvements recommended by the City Engineer.

Other

Discussion was held on the Virginia Avenue Street & Storm Sewer Project and the necessity of installing the drain pipe on Matt and Kelly Allman's property.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Paul Skrede, seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.