

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 6, 2008
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

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

Main Beach Landscaping Issues

Dick Kruetter, 18310 Rutledge Avenue, was present to discuss several concerns he had regarding the condition of Deephaven Beach. He stated that there is significant erosion on the south side of the beach, which has caused a huge separation between the boardwalk and the beach. He stated that he is very disappointed with the condition of the beach and would like to see additional sand added and steps installed from the boardwalk to the beach.

Discussion was held on the possible installation of drain tile along the hillside to control the continual erosion of the beach sand due to water runoff. Paul Skrede stated that he would also like to see the boardwalk removed to allow a wider beach and the concrete pathway replaced with bituminous pavers.

Paul Skrede stated that he and Dana Young had met with several residents of the Main Beach area on July 22nd to discuss the maintenance of vegetation along the hillside of the Main Beach that was blocking their vision of the lake. He stated that it was agreed to allow the residents to trim vegetation to a height of 2 feet within a 15-foot area of the city-owned hillside property. In addition, Paul Skrede stated that he and Jerry could meet down at the beach to determine which trees could be thinned out along the hillside.

Request for a Stop Sign at Intersection of Monaltrie & Azure

Dana Young stated that Rich Reynolds (3720 Virginia Avenue) and Lisa Harry (18750 Lake Avenue) have requested a stop sign to be installed on Monaltrie Avenue at the intersection of Monaltrie & Azure to help slow down the traffic in this area. In addition, Lisa Harry has also requested a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Deephaven Avenue and Lake Avenue.

Paul Skrede noted that a stop sign is not the accepted way to slow down traffic and that the intersection of Monaltrie & Azure has very good traffic visibility.

The Committee recommended installing the traffic monitor at both Azure & Monaltrie and at Deephaven Avenue & Lake Avenue in order to obtain more information on traffic speeds and traffic volume in this area.

Request for a Dead End Sign on Virginia Avenue

Dana Young stated that Jeff Diebel, 3635 Virginia Avenue, has requested a dead end sign to be installed at the end of Virginia Avenue near the entrance to the cul-de-sac.

The Committee voiced several concerns that one of the primary reasons for the request was due to the fact that Mr. Diebel wanted to discourage traffic to enable his children to play in the street. The

Committee recommended installing the traffic monitor at the beginning of the cul-de-sac to determine vehicle usage.

Request for Leashing of Dogs

Dana Young stated that he has received two complaints recently, one from Barbara Michel at 3610 Westview Drive, about the number of dogs who are unleashed in Deephaven. He stated the residents were complaining that the unleashed dogs attacked their dog & would chase after them while jogging.

General discussion was held on whether the City Code should be amended to require all dogs to be on a leash. Further discussion was held on whether dogs were required to be leashed in Thorpe Park. Dana Young stated that he knew the City Code allowed dogs to be under the control of their owner but was uncertain as to whether the Code required dogs to be leashed within Thorpe Park.

Paul Skrede requested the Police Chief present the information he has compiled on dog incidents and asked staff to determine whether dogs needed to be leashed within a City Park.

Emergency Warning Sirens

Dana Young stated that \$40,000 has been budgeted from the 2008 Capital Improvement Fund to replace the emergency warning sirens at Village Hall and Thorpe Park. He stated that unlike our existing sirens, the new sirens would have power backup capability that would allow them to operate if the power went out.

The Committee reviewed the following bid from Ready Watt Electric on the replacement of the City Hall and Thorpe Park Emergency Warning Sirens:

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| • Thorpe Park | - | \$18,293.00 |
| • Village Hall | - | \$17,498.00 |
| Total | - | \$35,791.00 |

Motion by Paul Skrede to approve the bid from Ready Watt Electric in the amount of \$35,791.00 for the purchase and installation of an emergency warning siren at Thorpe Park and Village Hall. Seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

Chris & Jennifer Wilhelm

Chris & Jennifer Wilhelm were present to discuss their concerns regarding water runoff from the surrounding neighborhood adversely impacting their property at 4940 Highcrest Drive. Dana Young stated that both the Committee and City Engineer had reviewed the Wilhelm's property earlier this year and the City Engineer reported that he didn't feel the problem was caused by the City and recommended no action by the City.

Chris Wilhelm stated that he had played in this neighborhood as a child and didn't remember any problems with water runoff until the development of the homes on the east side of Hillcrest Drive.

Paul Skrede noted that this could very well have caused the problem. He stated that the problem with the Wilhelm's drainage is that no other property is effected by the runoff with the exception of the Wilhelm's property. As a result, it would not be unusual for the City to use assessments to pay for an improvement to a single property versus the use of Storm Water Funds if the project were benefiting a broader group. He asked the Wilhelm's if they would be willing to share in the cost of an improvement.

Mr. Wilhelm stated that they would be willing, depending on the cost.

Dana Young stated that he would ask the City Engineer to look into the drainage problem once again and obtain an estimate on the cost to improve the drainage. He added that funding for storm water projects for this year from the 2008 Storm Sewer Fund is nearly exhausted so that any proposed project would have to be included within next year's budget.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee by Paul Skrede. Seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0. The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Dick Kruetter Request

Dick Kruetter, 18310 Rutledge Road, was present to request that the City discontinue the use of salt near his new driveway due to the fact that the salt was causing pockmarks in the concrete.

Jerry Hudlow stated that the City had to lay sand & salt near the intersection of Rutledge Avenue and Minnetonka Blvd but thought that his crew could hold off on the use of sand & salt until after they passed Mr. Kruetter's driveway.

Deephaven Days

Shelley Souers was present to review the list of work items that the Public Works Department needed to complete by this Friday for Deephaven Days.

2009 Street Project Schedule

Discussion was held on the proposed list of street projects for 2009.

Seal Coating - The Committee recommended including parking lots and trails along with the seal coating of Minnetonka Blvd (\$65,100) for next year.

Street Overlay - The Committee recommended consideration of the following list of streets for overlay in 2009 subject to further review and recommendations from the City Engineer.

- Highland Avenue from Montgomerie to Deephaven Avenue
- Lake Avenue
- Monaltrie Avenue
- Old Kent Road
- Ridgewood Road
- Talton Place
- Virginia Avenue
- Walden Trail

Project Update

Brief updates were given on the following projects:

Sewer Rodding & Televising Project - completed.

Fairhomes Storm Sewer Project - completed, hold final payment for one month to ensure that all the restoration work has been completed to everyone's satisfaction.

Highland Avenue – scheduled to begin by Widmer Construction within two weeks.

Hamilton Avenue – scheduled to begin by Widmer Construction by the end of August.

Lift Station Improvements

The Committee reviewed an estimate from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$18,310.00 for the upgrade of Lift Stations #2, 3 & 6. The work included:

- Core drilling concrete - L.S. #6
- Valve Extensions - L.S. #3, #6
- Guide Rail Systems - L.S. #2, #6
- Check Valves - L.S. #2

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend approval of the quote from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$18,310.00 for upgrades to Lift Stations #2, 3 & 6. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 4-0.

Catch Basin at Walden Beach / Bituminous Curb at Robinson's Beach

Walden Beach - Discussion was held regarding a recommendation from Keith Kask to install a catch basin in the parking lot of Walden Beach to control the erosion across the beach area.

John Menzel noted that the drain tile from a neighboring property was contributing to the erosion problems at the beach.

Jerry Hudlow recommended that the City Engineer should look into this issue before considering the installation of a catch basin.

Robinson's Bay Beach - Discussion was held on a recommendation from Paul Skrede to install a bituminous curb at the end of the parking lot at Robinson's Bay Beach to control the deterioration of the edge of the blacktop.

Jerry Hudlow noted that the driveway at this beach holds a tremendous amount of snow to prevent snowmobilers from crossing the beach onto Lake Minnetonka and the melting snow is causing some of the breakup of the bituminous at the end of the parking lot that Mayor Skrede was referring to. He stated that a bituminous curb would only serve to cause ponding when this pile of snow melts and crosses the beach area in the spring.

Michael Michel's Tree

Dana Young stated that there has been some uncertainty as to whether a portion of Michael Michel's tree at 3610 Westview Drive is on private or public property. He stated that one attempt at measuring the width of the street showed that approximately one-third of the tree might be within the City right-of-way and another measurement seemed to indicate that the tree was totally on Mr. Michel's property.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that the City would offer to contribute \$500.00 to have the City's tree service remove the tree, subject to Mr. Michel paying the remaining two-thirds and stump removal costs. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Hudlow, seconded by John Menzel. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008.