

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Jon Monson, Teresa Pendleton, John Menzel, Jeff Kask and City Administrator Dana Young

Request to Remove Street Light Pole at 20570 Park Place

David Tucker (3305 Shavers Lake Road) was present to request the removal of the existing power pole at 20570 Park Place to enable the installation of an underground line. The power pole also contains a street light.

Dana Young stated that Police Chief Johnson reviewed the street light and stated that he felt the light should remain somewhere in this area. He stated that the area is very dark and needs to be lit. The light is also located next to Harper Road, which connects to Summerville Road, so the light benefits two streets. He stated that if the light were removed there would be no lighting on that side of the street to the end of the road.

Dana Young stated that he also sent out letters to ten nearby property owners asking their opinion on the removal of the street light. He stated that he heard back from four of the neighbors:

Lucinda Pratt (20590 Park Place) – no objection.

Peter Rogers (20575 Park Place) – Doesn't object to removing the street light but it would be awfully dark and there should be a light somewhere.

Alan & Denise Stricker (20450 Park Place) – Denise stated that her husband didn't care but she stated that she would prefer to have a light at this location.

Stephanie Matz (20495 Park Place) – Doesn't have an issue with the removal of the power pole but does feel that there would be a safety issue if the light is removed. It is very dark around Cottagewood and one less light in our neighborhood will be noticed especially around the park which attracts users after dark – i.e. people out for walks / walking their pets / etc... Also, as a person that goes for walks at night, she and her kids would not feel safe walking on Harper Road, which is narrow with a hill, without a light. It is difficult for cars to see bicycles and pedestrians.

Paul Skrede stated that he has observed that the lights across Gray's Bay bridge cast their light directly below and would favor such a light at this location.

Chief Johnson stated that some sort of street light at this intersection would be better than nothing. He stated that he prefers lighting at or near this location to help deter crime, it would benefit the significant number of parked cars along Western, and it would illuminate the location of Harper Road. He stated that there needs to be a light somewhere in that area.

Paul Skrede stated that he would prefer a downcast light in this location rather than the current style of street light.

Chief Johnson stated that he wouldn't have an issue with a downcast light.

David Tucker stated that he also supports the concept that lighting deters crime but noted that a number of people might be under the misperception that the area will be dark if the street light were removed. He stated that the area will be well lit once his house is built, which would help a great deal. He added that installing outdoor lighting may also help.

Further discussion was held on the possibility of moving the street light to Donkey Park and installing a new downcast light at this location.

Dana Young stated that he doesn't necessarily object to an alternative location at Donkey Park as long as the new street light doesn't adversely impact the park and the City doesn't have to pay for any costs associated with relocating the street light.

Paul Skrede stated that the Committee has concluded that a street light is needed at or near the intersection of Western and Harper Road and staff should determine whether:

- There might be as good as or better location than the current location of the street light
- The potential costs of purchasing downcast lighting at this location, similar to the lighting used at Gray's Bay bridge

Oktoberfest at St. Therese Church

Police Chief Johnson provided a brief summary of the October 8th Oktoberfest Celebration at St. Therese Church. He stated there was very little to report as the Celebration went very smoothly. He stated that his Department will reevaluate the need for ten security staff next year and possibly consider scaling down the number of security staff to 5-6 along with three Deephaven Police Officers.

Other

Dana Young stated that he received a complaint from Dyke Williams regarding ongoing visibility problems at Lake Avenue & Deephaven Avenue due to the growth of the evergreen tree on the corner.

Dana Young stated that SafeAssure conducted a mock OSHA inspection of the public works garage a couple of weeks ago and the Public Works Department received very positive comments on the condition of their area.

Discussion was held on a request to push back the annual leaf pickup one week. It was concluded that it is always difficult to select one particular day for this event due to the fact that you want to pick a day that is late enough for a majority of the leaves to have fallen yet not so late that there is snow on the ground. Teresa Pendleton stated that we could check the weather on the day of the pickup and one week later to evaluate the difference in weather conditions.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 6-0.

2012 Capital Improvement Projects

The Committee reviewed the purchase of (6) mobile radios and a new loader that have been proposed to be purchased in 2012. Dana Young stated that he intends to approach the Council on November 21st with a proposal to move forward with the purchase of the (6) mobile radios and the new loader this year.

Dana Young stated that the (6) mobile radios can be purchased in 2011 at a cost of \$21,370, which includes a \$400 discount per radio. Chief Johnson stated that the cost will likely be higher than \$21,370 because a couple of additional pieces of equipment will have to be included with the order.

Further discussion was held on the purchase of a new loader in 2011. Dana Young stated that John Menzel and Jeff Kask have obtained quotes from Ziegler, Case, and John Deere on new loaders and have recommended the purchase of a 2011-930H Caterpillar Loader from Ziegler in the amount of \$141,657.47. The price included several add-ons, including a Rear Vision Camera, snow tires, and a 7 year warranty, and the trade-in of our current loader. Dana Young stated that this new loader, purchased next year with a new catalytic conversion engine, would cost \$151,896.00 or over \$10,000 more if purchased next year.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend the purchase of a 2011-930H Caterpillar Loader from Ziegler at a cost not to exceed \$145,000. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul Skrede noted his appreciation of the outstanding work of the Public Works crew in obtaining these quotes.

Meeting to review Chowen's Corner Lighting Proposal

Paul Skrede stated that he doesn't particularly like the lights or the location of the lights at Chowen's Corner and would like to meet with the business owners to get their feedback on the lighting or any other needs that they might have in the Chowen's Corner area.

It was recommended that a meeting be held of the business owners within the next two or three weeks at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Other

Discussion was held on the rotted City Entranceway sign that needed to be replaced on Manor Road near the Shorewood / Deephaven city border. The Committee recommended obtaining quotes on a less expensive, more durable aluminum sign that is modeled after the wooden City Entranceway signs.

Dana Young stated that the City Engineer has requested the televising of the storm water heater line on Cottagewood Road to determine the condition of the line due to a sinkhole that had developed near the a catch basin inlet.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Menzel, seconded by Jon Monson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.