

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Foreman John Menzel and City Administrator Dana Young

Discuss Request for Speed Limit Signs on Deephaven Avenue (Jeannette Wyatt)

The Committee reviewed Jeannette Wyatt's proposal to lower speed limits and install Children at Play signage on Deephaven Avenue.

Paul Skrede stated that he is not in favor of installing Children at Play signage because it gives the impression that children are allowed to play on or near the street.

Teresa Pendleton also noted that installing a Children at Play sign at one location will invariably lead to additional requests to install these types of signs throughout the city. She stated that the signs lose any effectiveness they might have if they are posted everywhere.

The Committee recommended installing two 15 mph cautionary signs on Deephaven Avenue in locations to be determined by the Police Department.

Paul Skrede asked Chief Johnson to talk with Jeannette Wyatt about the Committee's decision in regards to her request for signs.

Other

Dana Young stated that he received a complaint from Doug Berg, 4230 Jefferson Street, regarding the continuous construction noise on Lakeview Avenue. He stated that maintenance equipment noise is permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends.

Paul Skrede recommended putting this item on the Council agenda to see if the Council would be interested in amending these hours.

The Committee reviewed an email from Lloyd Sigel recommending the purchase of two devices that would trigger a notice when traffic was clear at the Vine Hill Bridge intersection.

Chief Johnson noted that there has not been one accident at this intersection since the construction of the new bridge, largely owing to the installation of the turn lane.

Further discussion was held on checking with Hennepin County on the possibility of improving overall visibility by offsetting the railing and by replacing the damaged concave mirror at the intersection with a larger mirror. Paul Skrede stated that he will check with Jim Archer of

Hennepin County about the railing and the Commission recommended installing a larger replacement mirror at this intersection.

No other action was taken on Lloyd Sigel's request as it was generally felt that while sightlines are not great, turning north at the Vine Hill Bridge intersection could be easily accomplished as long as the driver exercised caution.

Northome Bridge Project

Paul Skrede stated that a meeting on the Northome Bridge project will be held on August 20th. He stated that in addition to mailed notice, he has sent individual notice to the homeowner's association.

Further discussion was held on optimal weight load of a new bridge. Chief Johnson stated that the bridge should be designed to handle relatively heavy loads, such as a cement trucks, simply due to the fact that the entrance by the stone arch requires truck traffic to use the opposite lane to bypass the stone archway. He stated that it would be a potential liability for the City to require heavy traffic to access Northome or Cedarhurst by having to drive on the wrong side of the street to avoid the stone arch.

Discuss Storm Damage Cleanup

John Menzel provided a summary of cleanup efforts from the July 18th storm.

Other

Dana Young stated that the City has requested a dredging permit from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to remove excess beach sand buildup from around the slides at Deephaven Beach. He stated that he has been notified by the Watershed District that a public hearing is required before approval of the permit is granted. The Committee recommended holding off on the public hearing until April 2016.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.