

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

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

Discuss No Parking Signs on Minnetonka Blvd & Vine Hill

Dana Young presented a copy of a sign used on Minnetonka Blvd near the entrance to Deephaven that states “No Parking Minnetonka Blvd”. He stated that Councilmember Steve Erickson recommended using this type of sign on Minnetonka Blvd and Vine Hill to create uniform signs and to cut down on the number of “No Parking” signs in general.

Further discussion was held on no parking sign regulations.

The Committee recommended that these signs should be posted by the City entranceways on Minnetonka Blvd & Vine Hill and to use these signs to replace older and poorly located No Parking signs along Minnetonka Blvd and Vine Hill.

Discuss Utility Service Partners Proposal

Dana Young presented a proposal from Utility Service Partners on the provision of a private sewer line maintenance program for Deephaven residents.

Paul Skrede stated that he would be willing to meet with Utility Service Partners and that further information should be obtained on their monthly cost to the residents for their service and on a list of participating Minnesota cities.

Discuss Request for a Fence along the West Side of Chowen’s Corner Parking Lot

Dana Young stated that he had received a request from Nancy & Dean O’Borsky at 33435 Montgomery Avenue for a fence along the west side of the Chowen’s Corner parking lot.

Paul Skrede asked if installing this fence would cause any snow plowing issues with the parking lot. John Menzel stated that it would not.

Paul Skrede stated that we should contact the abutting property owners in order to obtain permission to install a 6’ stockade fence on the property line and that both parties would be obligated to maintain their side of the fence.

Other

Pedestrian Crosswalk Request - Dana Young stated that he has been contacted by Shirley Hogan who requested the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on Mtka Blvd near the back entrance to Deephaven Woods.

Chief Cory Johnson stated that this would be a poor location for a pedestrian crosswalk due to the fact that there is no sidewalk on either side of the street and proposes to cross a very busy street.

Eagle Scout Project – Dana Young stated that Jaxon Bak, a Deephaven resident, is looking to do an Eagle Scout Project for the City of Deephaven. He stated that the problem is that staff is having some difficulties in coming up with appropriate Eagle Scout projects.

Chief Johnson recommended that Jaxon install could replace the existing bench and install a new bench at the rear entranceway to City Hall. Paul Skrede recommended that the bench have a back rest, be longer than the current bench, with slats, and the bench should be white and paintable.

RETAP Program offers free energy audits – Dana Young stated that the Great Plains Institute is offering free energy audits. He asked if the City would be interested in having an energy audit conducted at City Hall. It was the general consensus of the Committee to not have an energy audit conducted at the present time.

Duckweed applications – Dana Young notified the Committee that he planned to pursue a contractor to apply a chemical application to eradicate Duckweed at the Thorpe Park pond.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Discuss Thorpe Park Project

Paul Skrede stated that he would like to provide rain barrels at the Thorpe Park gardens so that we don't have to provide a sprinkler system for the gardens. He stated that in reviewing the Warming House / Restroom drawings, we also need to find a location for the drinking fountain and outside spigot.

Tony Jewett asked about the asphalt bids.

Paul Skrede stated that the City Engineer prefers to bid the street improvement project and hockey rink asphalt separately. He stated that this would expand the number of contractors.

Tony Jewett stated that he met with a contractor with Midwest Asphalt, who thought that the two projects should be bid together.

Further discussion was held on whether to bid the hockey rink asphalt separately from the street improvement project or to bid them together.

Dana Young stated that the City Engineer felt that there would be an advantage to requesting quotes from contractors after the street improvement project bid has been received because you could then obtain a bid from the winning contractor and solicit quotes from smaller contractors.

Further discussion was held on the hockey rink boards and on the installation of a sewer line to the restroom. John Menzel stated that he is expecting to receive a bid from Schneider Excavating on the sewer line extension, which is expected to cost around \$9,000.

Discuss 2017 Seal Coating Project – Street

Dana Young stated that \$10,000 has been budgeted this year to seal coat that portion of Rutledge Road, Northome Avenue and Azure Road that had been resurfaced a couple of years ago as part of the storm sewer project. He also mentioned that the Excelsior Fire District was interested in seal coating their parking lot and were willing to reimburse the City for their portion of the cost.

Further discussion was held on the merits of seal coating vs. crack sealing.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Paul Skrede. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.