

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
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, John Menzel, Jeff Kask, and City Administrator Dana Young

Request for Stop Sign at Deephaven & Park Avenue

The Committee reviewed a request from a resident for the City to consider the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Deephaven Avenue & Park Avenue due to the speed of vehicles and the restricted visibility of vehicles on Park Avenue turning onto Deephaven Avenue.

The Committee could not justify the need for the installation of a stop sign at this intersection and took no action on the request.

Relocating Mailboxes on Mtka Blvd & Vine Hill Road

Dana Young stated that he has heard from two residents, one residing on Minnetonka Blvd and the other on Vine Hill Road, requesting that the City ask the U.S. Post Office to realign the mail boxes on these very busy roads such that each mailbox is on the same side of the street as the home so that residents don't have to try to cross the street to get their mail.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that staff send a letter to the U.S. Postal Service requesting that they conduct a review of this request to realign the mailboxes on Minnetonka Blvd and Vine Hill Road to enhance the safety of their customers. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0.

Request for the Extension of Permit Parking Only on Lake Avenue (Pam Stacey)

Dana Young stated that he had received a request from Pam Stacey (19050 Lake Avenue) for the City to expand Permit Parking Only on Lake Avenue one block further east past Deephaven Avenue due to issues relating to the parking of non-residents along Lake Avenue.

The Committee did not feel that an additional one block extension of Permit Parking Only further east on Lake Avenue was warranted and took no action on the request.

Request for a 4-Way Stop Sign at Deephaven Avenue & Lake Avenue (Pam Stacey)

Dana Young stated that he had received a request from Pam Stacey (19050 Lake Avenue) for the City to install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Deephaven Avenue & Lake Avenue due to safety concerns.

The Committee could not justify the need for the installation of a four way stop sign at this intersection due to the fact that Deephaven Avenue is a through street and took no action on the request.

Other

Paul Skrede recommended that the Police Department send out a letter of thanks to the participants in the National Night Out event, which was interrupted by a severe thunderstorm.

Police Chief Johnson recommended the purchase of additional OSHA approved cones and barricades and requested that the cones and barricades be stored in a more accessible location than the garage loft. John Menzel stated that the cones and barricades will be located on the lower floor of the Zamboni Garage.

The Committee authorized the purchase of additional OSHA approved cones and barricades to be used for emergency management events and traffic control.

Dana Young stated that he received a request from Maxine Dickson for the installation of a stop sign on the left side lane of the west bound intersection at Minnetonka Blvd and Maplewood Road and the installation of a "stop sign ahead" sign due to her concerns that people are unaware that you have to stop at this intersection.

The Committee could not justify the need for the installation of an additional stop sign or stop sign ahead sign at this intersection and took no action on the request.

The Committee reviewed an invoice submitted by Mike Schreiner (3965 Walden Road) from Tongen's Tree Service in the amount of \$1,587.30 for the removal of a large boulevard tree from the Schreiner's home that blew over during the August 6th storm. Dana Young stated that the City is responsible for the removal and disposal of any boulevard tree that comes down and would normally have removed this tree except for the fact that it fell on the Schreiner's home, in which case the crew would probably have left the removal to a professional tree removal company.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that the City reimburse Michael Schreiner (3965 Walden Road) in the amount of \$1,587.30 for the removal of a boulevard tree from his house, subject to a \$30.00 reduction due to the fact that Tongen's Tree Service had not obtained a 2013 Tree License from the City. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee on a motion by Paul Skrede. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.