

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, December 4, 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 and City Administrator Dana Young

Request for Stop or Yield Signs at Westview & Rutledge

Dana Young stated that he received a request from Sheryl Elvestrom (18450 Thorpe Road) for the installation of a stop or yield sign at the intersection of Westview Drive and Rutledge Road.

The Committee agreed that with all the traffic surrounding Thorpe Park, a yield sign on each corner of the Westview Drive & Rutledge Road intersection might be beneficial.

Motion by Chief Johnson to recommend the installation of a yield sign on the NW and SE corner of the Westview Drive & Rutledge Road intersection. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 4-0.

Request for Flashing Pedestrian Warning Light at Heathcote Crosswalk

Dana Young stated that he also received a request from Sheryl Elvestrom (18450 Thorpe Road) for the installation of a flashing pedestrian warning light at Heathcote Crosswalk.

Paul Skrede stated that he would not be in favor of installing flashing pedestrian warning lights at this location because it would falsely empower pedestrians into thinking it was safe to cross the street.

Chief Johnson stated that the flashing lights are warranted at Minnetonka Community Education due to the amount of foot traffic but it is certainly not justifiable at this location. As an alternative, he suggested installing some additional or replacement signage that would make the pedestrian crosswalk more visible.

Motion by Paul Skrede to accept Chief Johnson's recommendation to enhance the pedestrian crosswalk signage and stated that he would not be in favor of installing a flashing pedestrian warning light at this location. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 4-0.

Other

Discussion was held regarding a recent on the job injury. Paul Skrede suggested updating the safety standard operating procedures to state that anyone injured on the job should have proper transportation.

The Public Safety Committee was adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Paul Skrede. Motion carried 4-0.

LED Street Lighting (Roger Jacobs – Focus Company)

Roger & Ron Jacobs with Focus Company were present to discuss the benefits of evaluating the current indoor and outdoor to determine if there is a more cost effective and aesthetic lighting system.

Roger Jacobs stated that they have been in business for 40 years, warehouse in Deephaven, and would be willing to provide a free evaluation of the City's indoor or outdoor lighting systems.

Paul Skrede suggested that Focus Company provide a free evaluation of Thorpe Park to see what type of cost savings and enhanced lighting system could be installed or retrofitted for the hockey rink, parking lot, warming house, pavilion, and walking path. He stated that the Public Works Committee could review their evaluation to determine whether it warranted further review by the City Council.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Paul Skrede. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.