

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Members Present**

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

**Snow Plowing Complaint – Barbarajean Brandt, 20395 Lakeview Avenue**

Barbarajean Brandt was present to state her concerns regarding the curbside mowing that occurred back in 2013 that damaged her red dogwood plants that she had planted about six feet back from the bituminous portion of the street. She stated that at that time she was asked to plant further back from the street to a distance of 6-8 feet back. She stated that she would like to preserve the front of her yard as a wetland and would like to continue to maintain her dogwoods so that they don't grow into the street.

Dana Young asked if the City had mowed her dogwoods in 2014.

Ms. Brandt stated that they had been mowed last year.

John Menzel stated that his crew stopped mowing along her property, on the request of Administrator Young, last year.

Ms. Brandt stated that the reason that she had stones placed along the street was to remind the City to not mow her plantings and she forgot to remove them prior to the first snowfall and they were hit by the snowplow. She stated that several of her neighbors on Northern Road have stones within the right-of-way and felt that the city crew intentionally hit her stones. She further discussed maintenance trucks parking 6-8 feet off of the street surface, street patching off of the street surface, and the possibility of delineating where the street right-of-way ends.

John Menzel reiterated that his crew didn't mow along her property at all in 2014 and will discontinue mowing along this section of Lakeview Drive. He stated his concern regarding the rocks and boards that had been left along the street by Ms. Brandt because they could damage the City's plow blade or could potentially injure the plow driver or passerby. He stated that these rocks & boards have to be moved.

Jeff Kask stated that the only time the City may patch off of the street surface is when they have to patch along the edge of street to try to prevent the further cracking.

Paul Skrede stated that the crew would no longer mow along her property and stakes could be installed along the street to resolve the snowplowing issue, which may or may not resolve her concern about vehicles parking into her yard. John Menzel stated that he would even install the stakes on her behalf next year.

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

### **Northome Bridge Construction Process**

Paul Skrede stated that he had a discussion with Jim Archer, Bridge Engineer with Hennepin County Transportation Department, about the Northome Bridge and was told that state bridge money would be available in 2016.

He stated that after giving some thought to an earlier idea of simply converting the bridge to a walking bridge, he stated that there might be a need to reconstruct a regular bridge to accommodate delivery trucks. He added that he was also informed by Jim Archer that if the bridge is repurposed into a walking bridge, bridge bond funds would not be available if the City would decide at some later date to convert it back into a bridge for vehicle traffic.

He stated that he also had a conversation with the company that designs and builds plastic component bridges. Based on the overall length of a plastic component bridge constructed in Maine for approximately \$90,000, he would estimate that the Northome Bridge at a length of approximate 90' would cost approximately \$270,000 - \$300,000.

He recommended that the next step will be to examine various bridge styles, such as a box culvert bridge or a single span bridge. He stated that he would have further conversations with Jim Archer on possible bridge designs.

### **Seal Coating Bids**

The specifications & bid letting date for the 2015 Seal Coating Project were reviewed for the following sections of street:

- Virginia Avenue – Minnetonka Blvd to Rutledge Road
- Ridgewood Road – Vine Hill Road to City Limits
- Talton Place – Park Avenue to Lake Avenue
- Lake Avenue – Talton Place to Hamilton Avenue
- Monaltrie Ave – Park Avenue to Lake Avenue

### **Other**

John Menzel and Jeff Kask stated that the swimming dock at Deephaven Beach was in very tough condition. It was the general consensus of the Committee to maintain the dock as best as we can for this year and approach the Council about the possibility of having a dock contractor substantially upgrade the swimming dock in the winter of 2016.

Paul Skrede suggested the possibility of borrowing funds from the Park Improvement Fund to assist with the financing of this project.

Further discussion was held regarding the overall condition of the boardwalk at Deephaven Beach. The Committee recommended approaching the Park Committee about removing the boardwalk at their April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and obtaining the necessary approvals from the City Council on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.