

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, John Menzel, Jeff Kask, and City Administrator Dana Young

Also Present

City Engineer Jeff Weyandt

Discuss Speed Limit Signs & Stop Sign at Virginia & Lake (Molly Hegwood)

Molly Hegwood (18600 Lake Avenue) and Jessica Hedtke (18720 Lake Avenue) were present to request the addition of two stop signs at the intersection of Virginia Avenue & Lake Avenue, which would make the intersection a 4-way stop. Molly & Jessica stated that due to the unique configuration of this intersection and the volume of traffic, they suggested that a 4-way stop would be a significant improvement in public safety.

Paul Skrede stated that he has viewed the intersection and would not object to additional stop signs but would only agree to installing these two new stop signs if each intersection would be cleared back to enable a better view of the stop signs. He recommended that they approach each property owner at the intersections to see if they would be agreeable to clearing back the vegetation prior to moving forward with the new stop signs.

Dana Young stated that once Police Chief Johnson returns to the office and has the opportunity to review this intersection along with public works, he will have Chief Johnson reach back out to them.

Paul Skrede presented a sketch of a new Shuck Park sign that was offered free-of-charge by Stephen Streeter. Motion by Paul Skrede to accept the new Shuck Park sign from Stephen Streeter that will replace the existing Shuck Park sign. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Dana Young to adjourn the Public Safety Committee in light of Police Chief Johnson's absence. Seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 4-0. The remaining Public Safety agenda items will be rescheduled for another meeting.

Review Bid for Storm Water Improvements in Walden Trail

The Committee reviewed a bid in the amount of \$27,933.00 from Schneider Excavating for replacing an aged and failing storm sewer line from Walden Trail to Minnetonka Blvd. The bid would include the installation of 140' of 12" PVC, 40' of 10" DIP crossing Walden Trail, and three catch basins.

Motion by John Menzel to recommend approval of the bid submitted by Schneider Excavating in the amount of \$27,933.00 to replace and improve the existing Walden Trail storm water line. Seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0.

Review Storm Water Plan at 20664 Linwood Road

City Engineer Jeff Weyandt was present to provide a summary of the plan to address the ponding of water at 20664 Linwood Road. He provided an overview of the project that included a grinder pump and manhole at the inlet and several hundred feet of pipe to pump the water into the lake. He stated that he estimated the cost of the project at approximately \$40,000.

Paul Skrede asked if Jeff Weyandt would meet with the homeowners to review the project costs.

Jeff Weyandt stated that he would. He stated that he would also be willing to meet with the homeowners and several contractors to obtain quotes on the project if they were interested.

Review Other Storm Water Issues

Discussion was held on an email received from Matt Tobin requesting a comprehensive review of the drainage from Montgomerie Avenue to Hamilton Avenue to Lake Louise. After a lengthy discussion, there was no real clear consensus on how to proceed with the request. The Committee did unanimously agree that it was not a financially viable to install a new storm water main that would re-route the water runoff down Montgomerie to Northome Avenue to Hamilton Avenue to outlet into Lake Louise. Other suggestions included providing a comprehensive engineering study of the drainageway, meeting with the resident's subject to their understanding that any and all costs associated with work on private property would be borne by the homeowners, and obtaining a quote from Schneider Excavating on the cost of extending a 24" pipe from Montgomerie Avenue through the drainage way to Hamilton and, ultimately, Lake Louise.

20500 Linwood Road - discussion was held on the driveway apron improvements needed to improve the drainage of water on the property.

Discuss Condition of Cottagewood Sidewalks

General discussion was held regarding the condition of the sidewalks throughout Cottagewood that were constructed back in 1999. The Committee recommended that the Council should discuss this issue and the development of a sidewalk maintenance policy at an upcoming Council work session.

Request to Remove Fire Hydrants on Minnetonka Blvd (Mark Bussmann)

The Committee recommended capping and removing the dry fire hydrants located along Minnetonka Blvd, since several were damaged and it was unlikely that these hydrants would ever be used even in the event that a public water system was installed. The hydrants will be removed sometime before the end of the year.

Other

Discussion was held regarding garbage pickup at parks & beaches. The schedule of pickup is as follows:

- Deephaven Beach (6 garbage cans / 1 recycling can) – trash & recycling twice per week on Monday & Thursdays
- Nocomo Beach (1 garbage can / 1 recycling can) - trash & recycling once per week
- Sandy Beach (1 garbage can / 0 recycling can) – trash pickup once per week, no recycling
- Robinson’s Bay Beach (1 garbage can / 0 recycling can) – trash pickup once per week, recycling pickup every other week
- City Hall (1 garbage can / 1 recycling can) - trash pickup once per week, recycling pickup every other week
- Thorpe Park (9 garbage cans / 2 recycling cans) – trash pickup is twice per week, recycling pickup is every other week.
- Carson’s Bay Launch (Dumpster) – trash pickup twice per week.

The Committee recommended removing the recycling can at Deephaven Beach, adding two additional garbage cans, and switching the date of pickup from Tuesday – Thursday to Monday – Thursday.

Paul Skrede requested that public works clean up buckthorn and brush at Deephaven Beach from along the base of the hill

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.