

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
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, Jeff Kask, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

John Menzel

Review Police Chief Speed Recommendations

The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations of Police Chief Johnson, who proposed to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on every street in Deephaven with the following exceptions:

- Minnetonka Boulevard (35 mph)
- Vine Hill Road (35 mph)
- Northome Boulevard (30 mph)
- Vine Street (20 mph)
- Excelsior Boulevard (30 mph)

Paul Skrede complimented Chief Johnson on his well-written memo and stated that he approved of the speed limits that were chosen. The Committee agreed.

Motion by Dana Young to recommend approval of Police Chief Johnson's speed limit recommendations. Seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Request to Drive Golf Cart on City Streets

Matt Carle, 20400 Lakeview Avenue, was present to request that the City allow golf carts to drive on city streets through an ordinance change and the issuance of a special permit. He stated that he had sent along a packet of information on his request including a letter supporting an ordinance change, a site map showing the area in Cottagewood that he would proposed to be permitted to operate his golf cart, golf cart specifications, and MN State Statutes on special vehicle use.

Chief Johnson thanked Matt for the excellent material that he provided with his request. Chief Johnson stated that he continues to strongly oppose the driving of special vehicles on city streets. He stated that he thought this was likely to end in disaster for someone either driving a vehicle or a golf cart.

Paul Skrede noted that our City Code would have to be changed to allow golf carts on city streets.

Chief Johnson added that an ordinance change would likely also allow other special vehicles such as Rangers and other off-road vehicles who would also want to drive on city streets.

Paul Skrede stated that there may be some common sense applications that would allow golf carts on city streets. However, he noted that there could be unintended consequences with the adoption of this ordinance, including where it would stop in allowing other off-road vehicles access to city streets.

Further discussion was held on surveying a list of Minnesota cities that permit golf carts on city streets and in potentially developing standards that would just allow electric golf carts to drive on certain streets after obtaining an approved permit from the City. It was noted that the electric golf cart would have to include all the proper safety features including insurance. Further discussion on the request will be held next month after surveying several other communities.

Discuss Request to Allow Sailboats on Dock Slips (Paul Harvener)

Dana Young stated that Paul Harvener, 19215 Azure Road, has requested that the City allow sailboats on city docks. Dana Young stated that there isn't anything in the LMCD Code that would prohibit cities from allowing sailboats on docks.

The Committee expressed concern about how well sailboats would fit into dock slips due to potential problems with keels and the fact that it is not easy to maneuver sailboats as they get underway. The Committee had generally very little interest in moving this request forward.

Discuss Access to Island Garden

Paul Skrede stated that he had been approached by representatives of the Garden Club with a request to construct stairs to enable them to access the Island Garden at Village Hall. It was suggested that the stairs would be removable at the end of the gardening season and located near the mailbox. Jeff and Paul stated that they could meet to discuss the proposed design of the stairs.

Other

Thorpe Park SW Project – it was noted that more fill will be needed to make the ground in this area level. Jeff Kask stated that he obtained a quote in the amount of \$6,000 to hydro-seed those areas damaged by the storm water project. Paul Skrede suggested hydro-seeding the ditch area along Thorpe Park as well.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend hydro-seeding both the ball field area and ditch area of Thorpe Park in the amount of \$7,500 as soon as area dries out sufficiently. Seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Rubber flooring for Warming House – Dana Young stated that Patrick Regan has free rubber mat flooring for the Warming House stored at his house. The Committee authorized the Public

Works crew to review the mats to ensure that they are in good enough condition to install at the new Warming House.

Thorpe Parking Island landscaping project – Dana Young noted that the project has been completed. Jeff Kask noted that he still has to ask the contractor to remove the rope tied around the base of the new trees. The general consensus of the Committee is that the landscaping turned out very well.

Heathcote Road striping issue – Dana Young provided the comments by Jennifer McCoy, a senior traffic engineer with Bolton & Menk that supported the striping on Heathcote Road. It was the consensus of the Committee to continue to gather information on this issue.

Security cameras – Chief Johnson stated that the new security cameras are hooked up at the Carson's Bay marina.

Parking permit update – Teresa Pendleton stated that the original batch of parking permits were defective and a number did not adhere properly. She stated that the vendor provided a new supply of parking permits at no charge and City Hall staff has been replacing any permits that were not working properly. She estimates that approximately 100 parking permits have been replaced so far.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Proposed Purchase of Street Sweeper

Jeff Kask reported that he had been informed by MacQueen Equipment that a new street sweeper would cost around \$200,000 and a good used sweeper would cost approximately \$140,000.

Paul Skrede asked him to obtain some pricing on various lease options. He stated that this would give the Council the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of acquiring a sweeper.

Discuss Crack Sealing Quotes

Dana Young stated that they are still waiting to obtain crack sealing quotes from Art Taylor with Bolton & Menk.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.