

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 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 Heathcote Crosswalk Improvement (Joe Torelli)**

Joe Torelli (4030 Heathcote Road) was present to request that the City consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing sign, similar to the yellow pedestrian notification sign in the crosswalk in front of the Deephaven Education Center. Mr. Torelli had attended the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting to initially present his request.

Paul Skrede informed Mr. Torelli that the Committee had the opportunity to discuss this request prior to his arrival. He stated that the Committee has recommended the following action items regarding the Heathcote crosswalk:

- An additional pathway will be constructed connecting the crosswalk to the Thorpe Park walking path, giving greater visibility to the location of the crosswalk.
- The crosswalk will be repainted.
- Reflective sleeves will be installed on the pedestrian crosswalk signs located both north and south of the crosswalk on Minnetonka Blvd.
- Extraneous signs surrounding the crosswalk signs will be removed providing less clutter and better visibility of the crosswalk signs.
- The speed trailer will be posted at the crosswalk to determine speeds and traffic volume to assist with traffic enforcement efforts.

Joe Torelli thanked the Committee for their recommendations that will hopefully help to draw attention to the pedestrian crosswalk.

Chief Johnson encouraged Mr. Torelli to call at any time with any further concerns.

**Other**

Paul Skrede recommended that the public works crew use their own discretion when removing any excess street signs around the city. He also recommended replacing several street signs.

Further discussion was held on the potential donation of a finger printing machine by the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Police Chief Johnson stated that he is expecting to hear whether they will be able to obtain the machine sometime next week.

**Public Works Progress Update**

John Menzel provided a brief update on the progress of the public works crew in light of the late winter and the medical leave of one of his crew members. He stated that his crew has completed the installation of steel cabling for the sailboat buoys at Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay, completed a

substantial number of daily work orders, and repeatedly cleaned storm drains. He stated that street patching will be their primary emphasis over the next few weeks.

Paul Skrede asked if there have been any problems with the lift stations. John Menzel stated that they have been working just fine.

Paul Skrede stated that he is proud and greatly appreciative of the work being done by the public works crew.

### **2013 Public Works Projects**

The Committee reviewed the list of special projects scheduled for the public works crew this year, which included:

- Eagle Scout Project at Haralson Park – A Woodland resident is planning an Eagle Scout project that proposes to repair the walking paths at Haralson Park that were covered by the new courts during the Platform Tennis Court Project.
- Haralson Park Landscaping – Discussion was held on relocating the on/off electrical switches to the walkway between the two courts, installing bushes around the control panels, adding dirt around the entranceway to the courts to correct drainage problems, and adding appropriate signage. John Menzel stated that he is intending to obtain a quote from Statewide Heating on the installation of heating units. Dana Young reported that Total Platform Tennis has indicated that they will be back in late July to finish the resurfacing of the courts.
- Removal of Excess Sand at St. Louis Bay Slide Spaces – A excavation permit will be submitted to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District requesting permission to excavate the extraneous sand surrounding the slides at the south end of the marina.
- Thorpe Park Walking Path Extension – John Menzel stated that his crew will install a walking path extension from the Heathcote crosswalk on Minnetonka Blvd to the Thorpe Park walking path after his crew is caught up on street patching.
- Burton Park Stair Improvements – Dana Young stated that staff will be contracting with Concept Landscaping to repair the stairs at Burton Park.
- Installation of Benches, Basketball Hoop at Thorpe Park – Dana Young noted that two benches and the adjustable basketball hoop will need to be installed at Thorpe Park later this summer.
- Main Beach boardwalk – Paul Skrede recommended looking at the Main Beach boardwalk to determine whether it should be removed.

### **Drainage Issues**

The Committee reviewed the following list of drainage issues that have arisen this past spring:

#### **17875 Highland Avenue, Lesley Hexum**

- Problem - Ponding occurring on street next to driveway.
- Solution – Install catch basin by driveway & extend storm water main to catch basin at the intersection of Highland Avenue & Laurel Drive.

4320 Cottonwood Lane, Beth Lyman

- Problem – Ponding occurring on street next to driveway.
- Solution – Grade property to take water to drainage area to the south.

20145 Cottagewood Avenue, Nancy & Doug Nagle

- Problem – Ponding occurring on street next to driveway
- Solution – Install catch basin by driveway & extend storm water main to catch basin next to Shuck Park

20545 Carson Road, Mike Herbst

- Problem – Existing water heater shells broken & plugged, storm water now running across a wooded area of their property causing erosion problems.
- Solution – Replace water heater shells with pipe, consider running pipe above ground to prevent having to clear so many trees.

20565 Linden Road, Bobbi Lauer

- Problem – Existing water heater shells leading from a catch basin along 20565 Linden Road to 20545 Carson Road has deteriorated leading to water & debris spilling out from the broken water heater shells onto Lauer's property.
- Solution – Replace water heater shells with new pipe to 20545 Carson Road

19360 Lake Avenue, Julie Barbour

- Problem – Potential damage to retaining wall caused by water running off of 3780 Northome Avenue during home construction project.
- Solution – Berm constructed at intersection of Lake Avenue and Northome Avenue with the attempt to keep excess water on Lake Avenue. Also, working with homeowner at 3780 Northome Avenue to install erosion rolls across natural drainage way on his property.

19350 Lake Avenue, Marna Erickson

- Problem – Dirt and debris on her property due to water runoff from 3780 Northome Avenue during home construction project.
- Solution – Berm constructed at intersection of Lake Avenue and Northome Avenue with the attempt to keep excess water on Lake Avenue. Also, working with homeowner at 3780 Northome Avenue to repair her property.

20575 Summerville Road

- Problem – Excess water ponding on street and at 20575 Summerville Road.
- Solution – Potential storm water pipe located west of property that outlets into lake could be utilized to handle excess runoff.

19865 Lakeview Avenue, Drew Krejci

- Problem – Water ponding on corner of property.
- Solution – Raise existing grade of property in low lying area to carry water to the existing catch basin located on the east side of the property on Lakeview Avenue

Paul Skrede recommended televising the storm water pipe located west of 20575 Summerville Road to evaluate its overall condition.

Further discussion was held regarding the proposed storm sewer infrastructure improvements that will be needed at 20545 Carson Road & 20565 Linden Road to address pipe failure problems.

**Other**

Paul Skrede recommended that the City should require an escrow for each newly constructed home to ensure compliance with an interim grading plan. He stated that the interim grading plan needs to specifically address storm water runoff issues during the construction process in order to protect abutting property owners. He stated that this would enable the City to act much more aggressively in alleviating water runoff complaints.

Paul Skrede noted that the Fence Agreement with the Cooley's has been signed and provided a brief update on the Vine Hill Bridge project.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Kask, seconded by Police Chief Johnson. Motion carried 6-0, The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.