

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Public Works Foreman John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

Also Present

City Engineer Jeff Weyandt

Traffic Signal Light Project

Paul Skrede reviewed the Traffic Signal Light Project with Jeff Weyandt, particularly in regards to the ADA improvements proposed within the crosswalks. Further discussion was held on the turn lights and increasing the amount of time to allow Deephaven traffic to properly clear through the intersection.

Chief Johnson stated that he would contact MnDOT to ask them to review this timing issue.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Request

The Committee reviewed a request from Mark Kelly to have the flashing lights at the pedestrian crosswalk on Vine Hill Road next to the Minnetonka Community Education building to be changed from yellow to red so that motorists would be required to stop. Chief Johnson noted that Uniform Traffic Control Standards do not allow the use of red lights at a crosswalk.

Striping Bids

Paul Skrede asked if the 2017 striping bids included a provision for 11' wide streets and a fog line to be painted along Northome Blvd to allow for a wider walkway along the street. Dana Young confirmed that this was the case.

Minnetonka Blvd Curbing Installation

The Committee reviewed and certified the length of the proposed curbing west of the Vine Hill Bridge along Minnetonka Blvd. This new curb will be installed as part of the 2017 Street Improvement Project and would connect the new curbing to the existing curbing near the Chimo entranceway to prevent the continued erosion of the shoulder.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Review 2017 Street Improvement Plans & Specifications

City Engineer Jeff Weyandt presented the following items for Committee review:

- Proposed retaining wall – the retaining wall was proposed to widen Park Avenue in order to provide for an expanded walking surface off of the street. The Committee recommended eliminating the retaining wall due to the marginal improvement in the walking surface and the need for a six foot retaining wall. The Committee instead recommended replacing the existing timbers with a 10” curb.
- Striping – the Committee recommended eliminating the proposed fog line at the west end of Park Avenue.
- The Committee reviewed that portion of Park Avenue abutting 3915 Walden Road, which is proposed to be raised to eliminate ponding on the road. Further discussion was held on potentially tipping the road to accommodate a request to keep additional water off of 3915 Walden Road. Staff will meet with the property owner to discuss the Committee’s recommendations.
- The Committee recommended paving a portion of the shoulder along Park Avenue to improve off-street parking for Yacht Club events.

Further discussion was held regarding the potential project starting date from June 10th through August and contacting the Yacht Club to coordinate the street project with upcoming Yacht Club events.

Discuss Hockey Rink, Sewer Extension & Well Improvements

Jeff Weyandt stated that he would recommend just obtaining bids for the overlay of Park Avenue and Deephaven Avenue and obtain separate quotes for the hockey rink asphalt project from other contractors. He stated that there are a number of smaller contractors who would be able to bid the hockey rink asphalt project but wouldn’t want to bid the larger street project and vice versa.

Paul Skrede stated that he thought it would be a real benefit for the primary contractor of the street project to be able to dispose of the millings for the base of the hockey rink.

Jeff Weyandt stated that the millings have a value to the contractor and they wouldn’t be inclined to just give it away to the City.

Discussion was held regarding the extension of the sewer line to the new restroom. John Menzel recommended having this engineered by the City Engineer as he would like to have the sewer line extended into manhole no. 605 on Hamilton Avenue.

Discussion was held on the well upgrade. John Menzel stated that he would discuss this with two contractors to get prices for the well upgrade.

Paul Skrede stated that he is not sure if we need a new well, but the contractors should be aware that the well needs to provide year round water use, with pipes 8” underground, an outside spigot, and a drinking fountain. He stated that he would also like to have the well water tested to ensure its drinkability.

Further discussion was held on whether asphalt was really the best surface to increase the seasonal use of the hockey rink. It was decided that it probably would not increase the overall use but would eliminate the frost boils.

Discuss 2017 Sewer Televising Project

Jeff Weyandt asked staff to review their proposed site plan for the 2017 Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising Project to make sure it is accurate.

Discuss Request for Plantings on Monaltrie Avenue Drainage Lots

Dana Young stated that Greg Holde (3835 Monaltrie Avenue) is asking permission to plant hostas, ferns, day lilies, or even a shrub or two on the City drainage lots at 3845 and 3855 Monaltrie Avenue. He stated that Greg Holde believes that the lots have a number of bare areas that would be benefitted by these plantings. He stated that City Engineer David Martini doesn't believe that the plantings would have any negative impact on the drainage of the lots.

John Menzel stated that the City Crew keeps this lot clean and mow it regularly to keep it looking nice. He stated that anything planted on these lots would inadvertently be mowed down by the part-time summer help.

Discuss Northome Bridge Project

Dana Young reported that Jim Archer had heard back from Dan Erickson that the Northome Bridge has been selected for 2021 BROS Funding. According to Jim, the bridge replacement is estimated at \$700,000 but because BROS funding only covers abutment to abutment costs, much of the grading and approach work would be funded by the City, along with the removal of the existing bridge. This reduces the amount of the abutment to abutment cost to \$500,000, with BROS providing grant funding at 80/20 or \$400,000 of the \$700,000 project cost.

Other

Dana Young reported that the new swimming dock at Deephaven Beach has been significantly damaged by floating ice over the past few weeks. He stated that this damage has been reported to our insurance company.

John Menzel stated that the supports and pilings got hit hard and many are bent or twisted. He stated that he has asked Concept Landscaping, the contractor who originally built the new swimming docks, to provide an estimate to repair the dock. He stated that they will have to consider aerating for the entire winter season next year.

Further discussion was held on the permit requirements through the LMCD to aerate for the entire season, which includes signage, lights, and fencing requirements and the potential impact the aeration might have on snowmobilers and ice fisherman who use St. Louis Bay to access the lake.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.