

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 14, 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

Discuss Lowering Speed Limits on Secondary Streets

Discussion was held on the possibility of lowering speed limits throughout Deephaven to 25 mph, with the exception of such main thoroughfares as Minnetonka Blvd and Vine Hill Road, which would remain at 35 mph. Dana Young noted that many residents are already under the impression that the speed limit on residential streets in Deephaven is 25 mph and lowering the speed limit would help to lessen the overall speed of vehicles traveling on residential roads throughout Deephaven. Further discussion was held if this would lead to more police calls and increased expectations for more police patrolling.

Paul Skrede recommended referring this to the Police Department for their input on which streets should be designated 25 mph vs. 35 mph and bring this matter back to the Committee.

Update Organics Recycling

Dana Young stated that he and Teresa Pendleton met with Jason Harman, General Manager with Waste Management, to discuss organics recycling in Deephaven. He noted that this meeting was in response to the Hennepin County requirement that cities of Deephaven's size need to either provide curbside organics pickup or provide at least one organics recycling drop-off site by January 1, 2022.

Paul Skrede stated that he met with Mark Duffy, an employee with Waste Management, during the City Cleanup Event and had a discussion regarding organics. He stated that Mark informed him that one of the biggest challenges of organics recycling is that any garbage thrown into an organics drop-off site taints the organics. He stated that Mark recommended that the City of Deephaven could locate two 96-gallon drop-off organics recycling cans at the southeast corner of the City Hall parking lot and Waste Management could pick it up on a weekly basis. Paul Skrede noted that this would fulfill the City's organics drop-off site requirement anytime the City Council would like to implement the program.

Thorpe Park Bridge

Dana Young stated that Scott Pugh, 18450 Rutledge Road, has requested that the City allow him to install a simple bridge-like structure over the ditch in Thorpe Park that runs along Rutledge Road to enable his family to access the park more quickly.

The Committee declined the request for the following reasons:

- The structure would make it more difficult to maintain the ditch under the structure
- It could potentially impact the flow of water in the drainage ditch
- The City would be assuming the liability if anyone were injured on or walking across the structure
- The structure has limited benefit to the neighboring properties.

Goose Management

Discussion was held regarding a proposal submitted by the Minnetonka Yacht Club for the City to participate in a Goose Management Plan. Dana Young stated that the areas of focus would include the Yacht Club facilities at Carson's Bay, Lighthouse Island, Bug Island, and Park Avenue. He noted that goose management at these locations would also benefit Deephaven Beach and the Carson's Bay marina. He stated that the total cost for goose management in this area has been estimated at \$5,000, with the City's share being \$2,500.

The Committee recommended that the City should only participate in this effort if goose control efforts could be expanded to specifically include Walden Beach and the St. Louis Bay marina.

Thorpe Park Island Landscaping

Chris Kregness, 19000 Rutledge Road, of Lasting Impressions Landscaping, was present to present his landscaping plan for the Thorpe Park Parking Island and portions of the area around the Warming House. His proposed landscaping plan included the following items:

- 9 – 8' Colorado Spruce
- 3 – 8' Japanese Tree Lilac Clump
- 3 – 3' Spring Snow Crabapple
- 13 – Stella Del Oro Daylily
- 6 - Panicum Shenandoah Grass
- Plus top soil, mulch, edging, river rock, grading & preparation

Chris noted that his landscaping plan would be low maintenance and include a one-year warranty for a cost of \$17,765.00.

Motion by Chief Johnson to recommend approval of the landscaping Plan submitted by Lasting Impressions Landscaping for the Thorpe Park Parking Island in the amount of \$17,765.00. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 5-0.

Jeff Kask further suggested hydro seeding that area of Thorpe Park that had been affected by the installation of the drainage system.

Motion by Jeff Kask to obtain a quote on the cost of hydro seeding the area of Thorpe Park impacted by the installation of the drainage pipe. Seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Additional Lifeguard Chair

Dana Young stated that he has been contacted by Minnetonka Aquatics about installing a third lifeguard chair on the south side of the beach to improve overall sightlines for the lifeguards. He stated that he will be meeting with the Director of Minnetonka Aquatics at Deephaven Beach to review potential locations.

Heathcote Road Striping

A lengthy discussion was held on the recent striping of Heathcote Road, from Circle Drive to the Heathcote Drive intersection, with yellow centerlines and the generally adverse reaction from the residents in that neighborhood. It was noted that the street was striped due to a request by a resident of Heathcote Road with the attempt to enhance the overall safety of pedestrians and vehicles driving along this very narrow and windy road. Chief Johnson also noted that it was striped with the intent to provide greater safety for the individuals riding bicycles heading to the LRT Trail off of Heathcote Road.

Dana Young stated that there was a real lesson learned from this experience as it is apparent that not all neighborhoods appreciate this type of striping on their street. He stated that, since the vast majority of residents on this stretch of Heathcote Road do not favor the striping, he would recommend removing the striping back to the bottom of the hill off of Circle Drive.

As there were varying opinions on whether to remove the striping, Paul Skrede recommended bringing this issue before the City Council for their opinion on the matter.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 5-0. 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, June 11, 2019.