

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Public Works Foreman John Menzel and City Administrator Dana Young

City Engineer David Martini was also present.

Sidewalks on Park Place & Western Road

Discussion was held regarding the poor condition of the sidewalks along Park Place and Western Road. It was the general consensus of the Committee that there was no reason to continue to maintain this sidewalk and recommended that a letter be sent to the abutting property owners informing them that they can remove the sidewalk if they so chose.

John Menzel offered the use of the public works yard as a location for residents to dump the concrete.

2015 Mill & Overlay Project

City Engineer David Martini was present to review the preliminary plans to the 2015 Mill & Overlay Project. He stated that he reviewed the streets in Amesbury with John Menzel and noted that there were a lot of existing patchwork done on the street, which showed there was very little base under the bituminous. He noted that at least 20% of the surface of the streets in Amesbury had been patched.

David Martini suggested a reclaim and overlay project whereby the entire surface and a portion of the base would be ground up and reclaimed to serve as the new base and then add a 3 1/2" overlay. He stated that this would lift the elevation of the road and enable the installation of crown in the road, which would really help with the flat grade. He noted that much of the curbing would be removed except for around the catch basins.

He stated that he estimated the cost at approximately \$190,000, which was very close to what had been budgeted. He added that they might have to do some survey work to determine existing street elevations.

Discussion was held regarding project timelines.

David Martini stated that the Council would be reviewing and approving the bid on June 15th or July 6th and the project would begin shortly thereafter.

Paul Skrede stated that he would like to have the project end no later than August 31st, before school begins.

It was further recommended that a notice could be sent to Amesbury residents regarding this project rather than holding a public meeting since it was a relatively simple street resurfacing project.

Highland Avenue Walking Path

Joe Ladner, 17850 Highland Avenue, was also present to discuss the potential blacktopping of the Highland Avenue walking path.

Dana Young asked John Menzel about timelines for the blacktopping of this walking path. John stated that they could schedule it within the next few weeks. Dana Young stated that they would meet on site prior to initiating the project to locate that portion of the dirt path to be blacktopped.

Joe Ladner stated that there use to be a number of motorcycles and motorized bicycles that used this pathway as a cut through to Highland Avenue. He noted that this doesn't happen so much anymore. He recommended the installation of a Dead End sign at the intersection of Highland and Lauren to reduce the traffic coming down Highland Avenue assuming it's a through street.

Paul Skrede also recommended installing a Bike Path sign and a No Motorized Vehicle sign on each end of the pathway.

Joe Ladner voiced his concern about backing out of his driveway, which is located next to the end of the pathway, and hitting a bicyclist.

Walkway on NW Corner of Chimo

The Committee recommended restriping the turn lane south on Minnetonka Blvd at the Vine Hill Bridge and Minnetonka Blvd intersection. This would provide a few extra feet for pedestrians walking along the west side of Minnetonka Blvd.

Trailer Parking Area on Minnetonka Blvd

Paul Skrede stated that he had heard from Woody Woodburn and others who were concerned about individuals parking their boat trailers in the grass area off of the trailer parking area along Minnetonka Blvd.

Discussion was held on installing a cable or steel posts in order to provide a better designation for the trailer parking area and to protect the park area from trailers parking on the grass.

John Menzel recommended the installation of a split rail fence along the parking lot. The Committee agreed with John's recommendation and felt it would not only help keep trailers in the designated parking area, but it would also provide a very aesthetic look to the parking area next to Burton Park.

Other

Discussion was held on whether to continue Emerald Ash Borer treatments and on submitting a grant to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program for the installation of a proper restroom at Thorpe Park. John Menzel stated his concern about the potential vandalism of the restroom.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.