

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Members Present**

Paul Skrede, Teresa Pendleton, Police Chief Cory Johnson, John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

**Load Limit Exemption for Cottagewood Road Residents – Molly Anderson**

Dana Young stated that Molly Anderson's (19725 Cottagewood Road) driveway contractor was ticketed for having vehicles in excess of 4 tons on Cottagewood Road. He stated that the contractor then invoiced Molly Anderson \$100 for the cost of their overweight fine. He stated that Molly Anderson is requesting that the City consider exempting all residents on Cottagewood Road from load limit requirements and reimburse her for the \$100 that she was billed by her contractor.

It was noted that residents on this section of Cottagewood Road had originally requested the designation of their street as a 4 ton road and it wouldn't be fair to allow residents on this street to be personally exempt from load limits for their own projects and deliveries. It was further noted that a Load Limit Permit is available to any resident in the amount of \$50.00 for just this type of project.

**Complaint regarding Woodpile along Linwood Beach Easement**

Dana Young stated that he received a complaint from Craig Shaver (20390 Carson Road) regarding a woodpile that has been placed next to the city easement leading to Linwood Beach. He stated that Mr. Shaver objected to the presence of the woodpile for aesthetic reasons and felt the woodpile should be located elsewhere rather than right next to park property. He stated that it was explained to Mr. Shaver that access to this area is from an easement and is not park property owned by the City.

Paul Skrede recommended sending a letter to the homeowner requesting the removal of the temporary storage of this woodpile off of the 10 foot easement.

**Request for Speed Bumps on Highland Avenue**

Dana Young stated that Councilmember Gustafson forwarded an email regarding a request from Ryan Trebil (18510 Highland Avenue) on the installation of speed bumps on Highland Avenue.

Police Chief Johnson noted that speed bumps should not be used to control the speed of vehicles and a recent traffic survey of Highland Avenue showed that there are very few issues regarding the excessive speeding of vehicles.

**Other**

**Neighborhood libraries** – Dana Young stated that Brad Hagfors, Area Director of n2 Publishing, is working with some scouts who would like to construct and install three "neighborhood libraries" at Thorpe Park, the Cottagewood Store, and one other undecided site. He stated that these "neighborhood libraries" are box-shaped shelters that house used books that the public can borrow and contribute their own used books.

Chief Johnson stated his concern about vandalism and the potential cost in safeguarding these “neighborhood libraries” and recommended that a pilot project be established at the Cottagewood Store before additional structures are installed at Thorpe Park or other public locations.

**Tree Trimming on the LRT Trail** – Discussion was held regarding the extensive tree and vegetation removal along the LRT Trail by Xcel Energy’s contractor.

Paul Skrede noted that this issue was discussed by the City of Greenwood when Commissioner Jan Callison was present and Commissioner Callison stated that she was aware of the project but the County had no control over the extent of the tree and vegetation removal. He stated that he would contact the Three Rivers Park District to discuss this project and potential restoration efforts.

Dana Young suggested meeting with Xcel representatives overseeing this clearing effort to discuss the ramifications and complaints that have resulted from this project.

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

### **Platform Tennis Court Heater Update**

John Menzel provided an update on the installation of heating units at the platform courts. He stated that he and Dana Young met with Statewide Gas Services, the heating contractor, a couple of weeks ago to discuss this project in more detail. He stated that Statewide had originally proposed a Make-Up Air Unit to force air under the courts to help melt ice from the courts at a cost of \$17,636.00 for both courts. At the meeting, the contractors stated their concern regarding the effectiveness of this system and that they didn’t want the Council or the public to have the expectation that this system would clear off the ice on the boards in a relatively short period of time.

He stated that the contractors submitted a second proposal on a boiler system that has water lines underneath each of the boards that would contain hot antifreeze to melt the ice off of the courts for a cost of \$34,290.00 for just one court. He stated that an additional \$3,978.00 was included that proposed to extend an additional line to the second court for the second phase of this project at some future date.

It was generally acknowledged that the boiler system would be a much more effective system but was twice as high as the Make-Up Air Unit system for only one court.

Further discussion was held on the proposed financing of this project.

Dana Young stated that it was proposed to finance the heating units from the Park Dedication Fund.

Paul Skrede stated that he would like to invite Darel & Brandon Gustafson to go with him to the Wayzata Country Club to get more information on the heating units they used for their platform courts.

Dana Young stated that he would put this item on the Council agenda for further discussion at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **2015 Street Improvement List**

Dana Young stated that all streets in Deephaven have been reviewed and their condition assessed by staff. He stated that the following 9 streets graded out as the worst streets and in the most need of immediate improvement within the next three years:

- Andover Place
- Deephaven Avenue
- Excelsior Blvd
- Hillcrest Road (portions only)
- Lake Avenue (Talton to Lake Minnetonka)
- Old Kent Road
- St. James Gate
- Vine Hill Road
- Vine Street Cul-de-Sac

The Committee prioritized the streets as follows:

- Year 1 – Andover Place, Old Kent Road, St. James Gate
- Year 2 – Deephaven Avenue, portions of Hillcrest Road, Lake Avenue (Talton to Lake Minnetonka), Vine Street Cul-de-Sac with all of these streets considered for a Full Depth Patch
- Year 3 – Excelsior Blvd, Vine Hill Road

#### **Other**

It was noted that a new street light will be installed next to the Vine Hill Bridge to improve the overall visibility at the bridge.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2014.