

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members Present

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

Coyote Management

Tony Jewett was present to discuss resident concerns regarding coyote management and control. He stated that the Coyote Alert sent by the City of Greenwood kind of spooked everyone and the perception is that Greenwood is doing something on coyote management and Deephaven is not.

Chief Johnson stated that his department has been involved with coyote issues for at least ten years.

Paul Skrede noted that the last two Deer Management contracts between the City of Deephaven and the USDA have given the USDA the authority to shoot coyotes as well as deer.

Dana Young stated that the Greenwood's Coyote Alert notice essentially provides solid advice on how the public should deal with coyotes. He noted that this notice is not much different from the information on coyote management that the City has on its website.

Further discussion was held on the potential locations of coyotes in Deephaven, and instances of coyote involvement with pets.

Other

Dana Young stated that he was contacted last year by a resident adjoining Site 12 who objected to the USDA removing deer at this location. He asked whether the City wanted to allow the USDA to use this site for this year.

Chief Johnson noted that many of the locations offered by residents for use by the USDA for deer removal do not have a property that lends itself to the shooting of deer. He and Paul Skrede both added that the school soccer field, which accounted for approximately 18 of the 23 deer removed last year, cannot be used again since it is not on city property.

Cory Johnson concluded that the deer management program would be very ineffectual without using Site 12 as a location for deer removal. He stated that there are a significant number of deer at this location, which could be a problematic due to its close proximity to the volume of vehicle traffic on Minnetonka Blvd.

Dana Young stated that he would send the resident a letter informing them of the City's intention to use Site 12 this year for deer removal.

The Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned on a motion by Dana Young. Seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Northome Bridge Project

Dana Young stated that there was nothing new to report on the Northome Bridge Project. Paul Skrede requested meeting with City Engineer Jim Archer next month to discuss the overall progress of obtaining engineering bids and on the project itself.

Storm Water Improvement Projects

The Committee reviewed the proposed list of storm water improvement projects from 2017-2026:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2017	Lake Louise (30,000) Northome Road (12,000) Sewer Repayment (42,435)	84,435
2018	Vine Street (12,000) Easton Pond (30,000) Sewer Repayment (42,435)	84,435
2019	Minnetonka Blvd	75,000
2020	Honeysuckle Road (22,000) Walden Trail (22,000) Carsonwood Avenue (3,000)	59,000
2021	Culvert / Catch Basin Repairs (20,000) Heathcote Road (30,000)	60,000
2022	Northome Road / Lake Avenue	80,000
2023	Culvert / Catch Basin Repairs	30,000
2024	Summerville Road	80,000
2025	Culvert / Catch Basin Repairs	30,000
2026	Easton Road	170,000

Further specific discussion was held on future drainage improvements at Lake Louise and Thorpe Park.

Thorpe Park Parking Island Landscaping Plan

The Committee reviewed the request and landscaping plan submitted by Joe & Jessica Loftus (18520 Lake Avenue) to donate up to \$10,000 for plant materials to landscape the Thorpe Park parking island. The Committee decided that the Public Works crew should not be involved in the ongoing maintenance of this landscaped area. It was recommended that the Cottagewood Garden Club be asked if they would be interested in maintaining this site, provide for utility locates to determine the location of utilities underneath the parking island, and establish some sort of water source for the site.

Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock Plan

The Committee discussed the Park Committee's recommended Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock plan and discussed the process needed to design the swimming docks and obtain bids. John Menzel stated that he will obtain bids from contractors to remove the existing dock this fall and install the new dock this winter and/or spring.

Other

Discussion was held on the possibility of installing steel retaining walls along certain roads to provide for improved walking paths.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.