

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Police Chief Cory Johnson, John Menzel, Jeff Kask, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Paul Skrede

Discuss Crosswalk Lights at Heathcote & Minnetonka Blvd

Chief Johnson noted that the sightlines for northbound traffic can be problematic in locating any new crosswalk lights at the pedestrian crosswalk. He suggested providing new orange flags to help with visibility.

Discuss Mosquito Control Request (Elaine Mahin)

The Committee reviewed Elaine Mahin's request to provide a maintained webpage with educational content on mosquito control applications, require mosquito control companies to be licensed through the City, prevent overlap of treatments with the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, ensure that neighbors are notified in writing if a treatment is approved, and to disallow barrier spraying in residential areas.

Chief Johnson stated that we need to make sure that we are responding to resident's complaints to ensure that mosquito control companies are adhering to state law requirements. He noted that these companies are currently licensed through the MN Pollution Control Agency and he was unsure about how big an issue this is in town. He wondered if this was an isolated request.

Dana Young stated that it would be very difficult for staff to become more involved in mosquito control applications – whether through licensing or through maintaining a website. He questioned whether staff had the time to do these new responsibilities well.

Other

Discussion was held on the removal of the two storage containers at 18880 Minnetonka Blvd on September 21st. It was suggested that Chief Johnson find a company that would not only haul out the containers but store it as well.

Further discussion was held regarding instances of vandalism in the Warming House restroom and on equipment stored at the public works yard.

Motion by Dana Young to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 4-0.

Updates on Xcel LRT Project / Stone Arch Plaque / Storm Water Concerns

Dana Young stated that Xcel Energy has to do some repair work on a damaged pole along the LRT Trail, which will necessitate the closing of the Burton Park entrance during the project. He stated that a date for the project hasn't been determined yet.

Dana Young asked if John Menzel had found the name of a stonemason to attach the new plaque to the Stone Arch. John stated that he hasn't had time yet to track down the name of a stone mason.

Discussion was held regarding the extensively long drainage way through the property at 20630 Woodhaven Place to address the water runoff through the property. Suggestions included finding alternative drainage ways when the street is resurfaced and John Menzel suggested obtaining the cost of a pipe that could be cost shared with the property owner.

Revisit Western Road Sidewalk Discussion

Dana Young stated that he plans to hold a Special Council meeting on September 21st to discuss the generally poor condition of the sidewalks throughout the Cottagewood area. John Menzel suggested removing the sidewalks when the streets are resurfaced and replace the sidewalks with street surface.

Mike Petersen, the new member of the Public Works Committee, entered at 2:00 p.m. and introduced himself to the Committee.

Other

Jeff Kask noted that the older berms have already been broken along Hillcrest Road. Dana Young suggested that these older berms could be replaced during next year's street improvement project.

Dana Young provided the following list of streets to be resurfaced in 2021:

- Carson Road
- West Easton Road
- Eastwood Road
- Hamilton Avenue
- Maple Ridge Road
- Maplewood Road

Dana Young stated that the Council has expressed an interest in doing some soil borings of these streets to determine the amount of base material.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.