

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Discuss Permitting ATV's on City Streets**

Discussion was held regarding a request from Jaime Shepard, 19255 Cedarhurst, for the City to consider revisiting the ATV ordinance to either provide more clarity that the use of ATV's on city streets are prohibited or to consider allowing ATV on city streets.

Dana Young noted that ATV's are allowed, under certain circumstances, by the cities of Excelsior & Wayzata.

Paul Skrede stated that ATV's could be approved by the City for street travel if the ATV is insured, has operable turn signals and lights, and is operated by someone with a driver's license.

Chief Johnson stated that he believes there would be too many negatives in allowing ATV's on city streets. He stated that under-aged children may end up driving an ATV, there would be accidents involving cars and ATV's, the City would need to issue special stickers to those ATV's that have been approved, and certain streets would have to be specifically designed for ATV use.

It was the consensus of the Public Safety Committee to not recommend permitting ATV's or golf carts to be driven on city streets. The Committee did recommend reviewing the ATV ordinance to provide additional clarity that ATV's are only allowed to be driven to Lake Minnetonka only when the lake is frozen.

**Discuss Stolen Boat Motors**

Chief Johnson stated that six boat motors have been stolen from boats stored at the City marina over the last two weeks. He stated that he has received a number of phone calls from concerned residents who have a boat stored at the marina. He noted that similar thefts have occurred last year at the Yacht Club and four motors have been stolen from the Wayzata city marina this year. He noted that the Yacht Club has installed signs indicating that they have security cameras monitoring their boat slips.

The Public Safety Committee recommended that Chief Johnson look into the cost of purchasing security cameras for the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay marinas.

### **Other**

Teresa Pendleton stated that the City of Minnetonka Building Inspections Department is really far behind in providing inspections, particularly with heating and mechanical inspections. She stated that Minnetonka doesn't have enough staff to get the inspections scheduled more quickly and inspections are currently one month out.

The Public Safety Committee recommended having discussions with other cities and companies that provide plan review and inspection services such as Metro West, Chanhassen, and Plymouth.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Review Storm Water Repair Quote at 3405 Deephaven Avenue**

The Public Works Committee reviewed a quote in the amount of \$11,075.00 from Schneider Excavating on the installation of a manhole and pipe at 3405 Deephaven Avenue, which would connect to an existing pipe installed two years ago.

Jim Kaufman, 3405 Deephaven Avenue, stated that the water presently flows from a culvert on Deephaven Avenue and outlets across his property into Lake Louise. He stated that this storm water is eroding his lawn and often pools on his property. He stated that he has seen the amount of water off of Deephaven Avenue and Northome Blvd increase substantially over the years.

Dana Young noted that an easement would have to be obtained prior to the installation of the manhole and pipe on Mr. Kaufman's property.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend approval of the bid from Schneider Excavating in the amount of \$11,075.00 to install a manhole and 80' of pipe at 3405 Deephaven Avenue. Seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Review Easton Pond Quote**

The Public Works Committee reviewed a quote in the amount of \$14,100.00 from Schneider Excavating to directionally bore an 8" storm water pipe across 19130 Rutledge Avenue to access a natural low lying area located on Easton Drive. It was noted that there have been numerous complaints from neighboring property owners over the years on the constant filling of this low lying property with water runoff.

Paul Skrede recommended installing the pipe on the east side of this property and that staff discuss this project with the property owner at 19130 Rutledge Avenue.

### **Review Thorpe Park Drainage Quote**

The Public Works Committee reviewed a quote in the amount of \$50,500.00 from Schneider Excavating on the installation of 400' of pipe with four intakes from the hockey rink to the pond at Thorpe Park in order to enhance the existing storm water system. Further discussion was held on the overall scope and timeline of the project

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend approval of the bid from Schneider Excavating in the amount of \$50,500.00 to install 400' of pipe with four intakes within a portion of Thorpe Park. Seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Discuss Sidewalk Condition at Chowen's Corner**

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the sidewalk on Minnetonka Blvd abutting the properties at 18315 & 18305 Minnetonka Blvd. Paul Skrede noted that the sidewalk was in poor condition and should be removed.

John Menzel stated that his crew could remove the sidewalk and plant grass seed this fall.

Further discussion was held on that portion of sidewalk located east on Minnetonka Blvd along 18305 Minnetonka Blvd. It was recommended that this portion of sidewalk be replaced with new sidewalk next year as part of the Minnetonka Blvd resurfacing project.

### **Other**

Paul Skrede noted that he talked with Art Taylor about whether the City would like to restripe that portion of Linwood Road that had recently been resurfaced. The Public Works Committee recommended not striping this 80' section of street until next year along with the regular striping schedule.

Paul Skrede stated that a resident asked the City to consider installing a pedestrian and bicycle crosswalk at the intersection of the LRT Trail and Minnetonka Blvd. The Committee recommended reconsidering this issue next month when Police Chief Johnson was present.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 4-0. 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, October 9, 2018.