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WISCONSIN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 07, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:17pm

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Tracey Koach, Bill LeClair, Scott Stechmesser
Staff and Others: Ben Meinnert, Scott Ahl, Matthew Heckenlaible

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2022 Public Works Committee Meeting made by Bill LeClair and seconded by Scott Stechmesser – Motion passed

4. PUBLIC INPUT

None

5. ON-GOING PROJECT STATUS AND ACTION IF NEEDED

- A. 17th Street and Zlatnik – the project is substantially complete with punch list items, spring follow-up and tree planting being the significant items remaining.
- B. 20th Street/Eggers Pond – this project is substantially complete with punch list items needing to be addressed. Completed a walk through with WDNR and the design consultant regarding the close out of the WDNR grant. WDNR liked what they say and recommended the close out process.
- C. Scattered Laterals – work continues as needed until April of 2023.
- D. Various Concrete Patches and Curb / Sidewalk Work – have several streets and sidewalks open yet from service repairs or other miscellaneous work that have not been addressed and will most likely remain open over the winter months until weather continues to remain favorable.
- E. East River Trail – This section of trail from Washington Street to Jefferson Street is still on the books and most likely will be completed in the spring of 2023. Need to finalize the easement in order to install the trail.
- F. Other – No other projects discussed

6. PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS

An inquiry as to whether Mariner's Trail should be plowed during the winter months. After some discussion it was determined that it would not be advisable to plow the trail for a variety of reasons, including the close proximity of the trail to Lake Michigan and having the overspray of the lake coating the trail causing icing conditions. In order to combat the icing conditions the City would need to apply some anti-icing product that is not necessarily beneficial towards the environment and could cause damage to the native plantings in close proximity of the trail. In addition, plowing the trail could also cause damage to the same plantings. Finally, it is not part of the City budget to take on this additional winter maintenance task.

7. DISCUSSIONS OR ISSUES ON HOLD, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

- A. Memorial Drive sidewalk update – Director Heckenlaible stated that the original request was looking at some sidewalk parallel to Memorial Drive around Gardner Street. At this point in time, Public Works does not believe that to be something that the City would necessarily take on. However, as part of WDOT's STH 42 (Memorial Drive) 2025 resurfacing project, the Public

Works Department has inquired whether there would be any additional pedestrian accommodations would be included within the project for the crossing of Memorial Drive. During the initial discussions there was nothing planned but requested a follow-up meeting to be arranged so that WDOT, MSA and the City could have further discussions on this topic.

- B. Washington Street bridge resurfacing, pedestrian accommodations and Memorial Drive crossings – WDOT's consultant for the STH 42 (Memorial Drive) 2025 resurfacing project has developed some concepts that would potentially aid with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the east side of the Washington Street bridge. They were planning on submitting those concepts to the WDOT prior to Thanksgiving and get the Departments feedback and then advise the City of that discussion.
- C. Zlatnik Drive – Discussion about citizen concerns relative to parking and traffic flow from 18th Street to 22nd Street. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the parking on Zlatnik Drive. Director Heckenlaible stated that when a vehicle is parked on the west side of Zlatnik Drive and the passenger door is open, the door will extend into the northbound travel lane. As such if someone then jumps out of the vehicle, there is the possibility that they will be even further into the travel lane. Director Heckenlaible also noted that a portion of the parking lane was covered with beach sand taking away some of the actual parking lane pavement. Assistant Police Chief Meinnert stated that to date there is no documented incidents on file with the Police Department. Assistant Chief Meinnert also noted that when the beach is busy, the traffic speeds are significantly reduced well below the posted 15 MPH speed limit and as such the vehicle – pedestrian conflicts are reduced as well. Upon conclusion of the discussion, it was concluded that there does not appear to any significant issue with the parking, pedestrian – vehicle conflicts on Zlatnik Drive.
- D. 1910 20th Street (Seneca Site Development) up-date regarding possible relocation of crushed salvaged concrete – Public Works staff stated that if fill was placed on the site, that they believe it potentially would cause a drainage issue with the adjoining neighbors but other than that, no further up-date was available.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, INCLUSION IN FUTURE AGENDA AND ACTION IF NEEDED

Discussion pertaining to speed bump on Pierce Street. Director Heckenlaible reported that he investigated this concern. What was observed is that going southbound on Pierce Street that there was an advance sign warning drivers of the up-coming speed bumps. However, northbound there was not an advance warning sign. The speed bump is painted but is not fresh and could be touched up in 2023. It was also noted that the speed limit is posted at 15 MPH and with the narrowness of the roadway along with the alignment (curves) that a driver should not necessarily be caught unaware of the speed bump. Director Heckenlaible did request Public Works Staff to look at creating and installing an advance warning sign for the northbound traffic. The sign was installed December 7, 2022.

9. DISCUSS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROL) – ACTION, ENDORSEMENT, OR MODIFICATIONS AS NEEDED

No items were discussed

10. OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IF NEEDED

- A. Snow and Ice Control expectations (sand barrels) – Director Heckenlaible is working on a Snow and Ice Control manual rather than relying on 'this is the way we have always done it' methodology. There is various memos, e-mails and notes that are from many years gone by and as such, want to create something current that addresses questions such as why do we place sand barrels out especially near intersections that are salted on both streets. It was noted that some Committee members did not even realize that there were sand barrels a few blocks away from their residence. There is a cost associated with placing and maintaining these sand barrels. Public Works Operational Staff is questioning whether there a need for all of the barrels to be deployed or can that be reduced from the current number of 24 barrel locations? What

Public Works Operational Staff is further proposing would be to look at reducing the number of locations but potentially replacing those reduced barrel locations with a couple of 'bulk sand boxes' that residence could potentially grab sand if necessary to deal with icy sidewalk issues. No modifications are proposed for the 2022-23 winter season but Public Works staff will monitor how much material is used at all 24 barrel locations and then make a recommendation prior to the 2023-24 winter season. In addition to the sand barrel discussion, there was brief discussions regarding when Public Works would be deployed to address snow and icy | conditions along with the coordination with the Police Department and Dispatch.

B. Other items –

Prior to Thanksgiving, the furnace in the Public Works shop offices failed. It is temporarily fixed and working but we have received a quotation to have it replaced prior to the end of the 2022.

Recent high winds have caused damage to the Public Works vehicle storage building closest to the Lake. Approximately 3-foot by 12-foot long became detached from the building and is temporarily secured. Public Works is awaiting a formal quotation to have the roof repaired properly.

Public Works along with Electrical and Parks Departments have begun preliminary site work over at Central Park West (tree and stump removal along with some removal of topsoil).

Also looking at how Public Works (Wastewater) deals with roots within our sanitary sewer system. Presently, we cut the roots out of the line. That method can be hard on the actual sewer pipes, and it actually stimulates root growth. Director Heckenlaible is looking at other potential options such as chemical root treatment and cured in place pipe lining as other options to deal with roots within the sanitary sewer system.

11. SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING(S)

Suggested as Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:15pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Stechmesser and seconded by Bill LeClair – Motion passed (6:40 pm)

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