

**MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Location: Village Hall, 810 Shorewood Boulevard and Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Stankey called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present included Robb Stankey, Tom Popkewitz, Rick Chappell, Bob Corbett and Austin Tierney (via Zoom). Tim Vanderjeugd arrived at 5:37pm. Christine Maxon Herro was excused. Others present included Brian Berquist and Tim Stieve from Town & Country Engineering, Public Works Superintendent Tary Handschke, Administrative Assistant Julie Wills.
3. **Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Wills confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.
4. **Approval of Minutes - May 14, 2024.** M/S Popkewitz/Corbett to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments.** Several community members were present to address the committee regarding the Lake Mendota Drive traffic issues and maintaining healthy trees. Mary Sweeney advocated for maintaining the mature, healthy trees on Lake Mendota Drive. Lea Aschkenase also raised concerns about the trees and noted she is an early morning walker and sees a great deal of fast traffic on Lake Mendota Drive. Carol McKinney was present to listen and learn about the issues on the agenda. Bobbie Wolfe discussed speed bumps on Lake Mendota Drive and noted issues crossing streets while walking their dog. Earl Munson stated that he personally does not like speed bumps but feels they will protect walkers and bikers. Jane Villa indicated that since traffic has been rerouted due to the University Avenue construction, the Lake Mendota Drive straightway has increased and fast moving traffic.
6. **Public Works Superintendent Update.** Handschke provided an update to the Committee:
 - The community center lighting, ceiling tile, flooring and paint update was completed under budget. They are working on sewer jetting, valve turning, line painting as well as seasonal projects. The summer interns have been doing a great job, working on painting, etc. As a result of the storm earlier this year, fifty loads of wood chips were available to residents.
 - The department held a successful shred event in May, assisted with July 4th preparations and assisted on pool updates necessary for the upcoming All City meet. He has been participating in meetings relating to parking and traffic management.
 - Interviews for the new Public Works crew member will be held next week.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action on Purdue Street Adjustment after MMSD Project.** MMSD is replacing the sewer line and will then replace the street to the Village's specifications which creates an opportunity to address safety concerns. Berquist provided an update on the proposed improvements and noted the bike path is intended for bike and pedestrian traffic. Concerns were noted about bike speeds. **After discussion, there was a M/S Chappell/Vanderjeugd to recommend the Village Board approve the plan as proposed by the engineer. Motion carried.**

8. Discussion/Possible Action on Lake Mendota Drive Speed Data and Through Traffic Reduction. Berquist reviewed the project objectives to address traffic for workplace access, speed concerns and pedestrian/bike safety. He noted the existing data has been reviewed but may need to be updated, City of Madison has been contacted for input and provided the pros, cons and costs of each solution. Summary: The west end of Lake Mendota Drive is wide at 40', the typical street width is 24'. To narrow the streets, curbing would be added to slow traffic but doing so reduces available parking, cost estimated \$70k. Speed humps work and bring speeds down to 25 depending on size and spacing, they recommend five humps at \$25k each for a total of about \$100k. A combination of these two options could be used. A third option is adding sidewalks to provide pedestrian access on one side of the street, this would require Finance and Board approval and cost approximately \$275k.

After discussion, M/S by Popkewitz/Vanderjeugd, to recommend to the Village Board approve the engineer's Lake Mendota Drive five speed hump plan for further study and resident input with potential for narrowing. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Possible Action on Safety Improvements at Shorewood Blvd/Topping Road/Harvard Drive (tabled at 5/14/24 meeting). With the goal of preventing pedestrian accidents and improving visibility, Berquist relayed potential solutions and associated costs to the committee. Realignment of the intersection and raised crosswalks are similar in price to speed humps. Signage and crosswalk paint are less invasive and costly. Stankey provided background on the safety issues he has experienced. **M/S Popkewitz/Chappell to recommend signs be reinstalled and recommend to the Village Board painting the intersection with a friendly amendment to add flashing stop sign pending adjacent resident support. Motion carried.**

10. Public Works Capital Improvement Plan Introduction. Public Works CIP introduction was provided by Berquist. He indicated this will be a multi meeting process and discussed the homework to be assigned to committee members. The plan will address pedestrian and bike safety priorities and serve as a guide for future public works projects.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. **Midvale Blvd./University Ave. Redesign Plan with Respect to BRT Implementation.**
- b. **Review of bike infrastructure and any gaps in the system.**

In addition to the above items, committee members suggested the following issues as potential future agenda items:

- Bike path at Highland Crossing (Chappell)
- Comprehensive review of speed control interventions (Popkewitz)
- Possible move to monthly meetings. (Popkewitz)
- McKenna Park Redesign and speed limit on bike path. (Corbett)
- Crossing Oxford and Shorewood Boulevard. (Vanderjeugd)

12. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30pm (Hybrid)

13. Adjourn. M/S Tom/Bob to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Julie Wills
Recording Secretary**