

Approved Public Works Committee Minutes December 10, 2018

Call to Order: Chairperson Lederer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: On call of the roll, members present were Chair Mark Lederer, Rick Chappell, Cara Coburn Faris and Chris Petykowski, and Tracy Bailey. Tu Le and Yang Tao are no longer members of the committee. Others present included, Village Engineer Brian Berquist and his associate Tim Stieve Village Crew Chief John Mitmoen, as well as about half a dozen residents residing in the vicinity of Beloit Court.

Note compliance with open meeting law: Compliance with the open meeting law was noted.

Consider approval of previous meeting minutes – On motion made by Mr. Chappell seconded by Ms. Bailey the minutes for the October 23 meeting were approved 5-0 incorporating a correction to a typographic error.

Discussion and possible recommendation on Beloit Court area stormwater concerns – At Mr. Lederer’s request, Mr. Berquist summarized the problem of stormwater collecting in the kettle depression in the area of Beloit Court which was previously well documented in a letter from numerous residents in the area and provided to members of the Committee. Mr. Berquist described several possible long-term partial solutions including the future reconstruction of Harvard Drive and building a storage basin in the location of area B as noted on the map provided to the Committee. In the near-term, Mr. Berquist suggested the possibility of a slightly raised curb across the south end of Beloit Court, adding rain gardens and/or pumping out the water to U-Bay Drive or Colgate Road. Mr. Berquist noted that none of above actions is likely to solve the problem, but rather to one degree or another simply reduce the amount of water collecting in the kettle. Cost considerations and the need for easements and stormwater grants were discussed in connection with some of the above possible steps.

Mr. Berquist and Mr. Mitmoen provided counsel to the residents in attendance concerning pumping out the water and offered to provide further advice as needed. Other than complying with the noise ordinance and securing the cooperation of fellow residents, Mr. Berquist knew of no objection to residents pumping out the water. Mr. Berquist agreed to provide ‘how to guide published by UW on constructing rain gardens. Mr. Lederer requested that Mr. Berquist and Mr. Mitmoen give further consideration to constructing a curb across Beloit Court. Mr. Lederer stated he would follow up with the Village Administration about resident concerns that future development in the area would exacerbate the problem of pooling stormwater. Mr. Lederer requested that Mr. Berquist considering mapping the known locations where stormwater posed a continuing problem in the Village so that the Committee might have a more comprehensive view of the extent of the problem.

Review of Proposals from Village Engineer to (1) update and consolidate various Committee documents concerning traffic calming and more generally pedestrian safety and (2) develop alternative plans to enhance pedestrian safety on a portion of Edgell Drive – Mr. Berquist summarized his written proposals previously distributed to the Committee which debated the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Review and recommendations on Marshall Court/Bike Path construction design and progress- Mr. Lederer explained that the Village was now in a position to complete the Bike

Path in the vicinity of Marshall Court. A proposed design has been completed and Mr. Lederer requested Mr. Berquist bring that plan to the next meeting of the Committee so that it might review the project well before construction was slated to begin next spring.

Update on projects including University Avenue reconstruction and LMD bridge project – Mr. Petykowski briefly summarized selective elements of the project and the tentative timetable to complete a design for the reconstruction of University Avenue. Mr. Lederer and Mr. Berquist reported on the status of a replacement bridge on LMD. The Village Board accepted the state's offer of a large, but partial grant for the project, but the Village is awaiting further word from the state before selecting a design engineer to work with the Village and eventually the state on the project.

Review of Capital Projects plan – Mr. Lederer noted that the Board approved 2019 and 5 year capital plan were provided to the Committee for future reference as the Committee considers future recommendations to the Board for public works projects. Mr. Lederer noted that the total cost of the projects significantly exceeded Village funds and the Board continued to shuffle priorities and considered alternative means to raise the needed funding.

Discussion and any recommendations on Safer Streets Program – This topic was addressed in the earlier consideration of proposals from Mr. Berquist on traffic calming and pedestrian safety.

Next meeting date and agenda items – The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7 pm. Possible agenda items include follow up on issues raised at this meeting plus...

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.