

Village of Shorewood Hills Public Works Committee
February 10, 2020 Meeting
FINAL MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. In compliance with open meeting law. Meeting minutes approved from previous meeting on 1/13/2020.

MMSD Sewer Line Placement Recommendation.

WSOR and WI DOT are still scheduling meetings with the railroad and creating a revised plan which will include trees. Things still TBD include which trees to be saved or removed along University Ave.

The Board approved motion sent forward by our committee from the last meeting. Supplemental message was sent by the Village suggesting sewer location should be moved onto University ave at Shorewood Blvd to save many trees of value along the existing bike path and pool. This will be Phase 2 of the project. Brian Berquist then addressed Phase I of the project and the options being proposed for the sewer line location from the western border of Shorewood Hills up to Shorewood Blvd. This part of the project will be done in 2021. It will affect the bike bath and blackhawk country club. The construction will be 30-35ft wide construction zone along the route proposed. Any of the routes will require trees to be removed. It is unclear if the trees can be replanted because they are in the railroad right of way. The pipe proposed is 36 in sanitation line and up to 20ft deep.

The committee then reviewed the three location options for the sewer line:

- Northern option: This option runs in a similar location to the existing sewer line. The committee worried that this line runs through the golf course, and creates difficult access for maintenance. There would also be loss of valuable trees. Steve Snosnowski, President of Blackhawk Country Club, commented that there are also irrigation lines running through that area that would be damaged, the course would need to close 4 holes, and over 100k repairs on greens would be needed. This would be a huge financial loss to the club/members. There would also be the loss of fundraisers which would have to be canceled for that season.

- Middle option: This option runs north of the railroad track. The committee was worried about bike path destruction and tree loss. The committee would like answers as to how the path would be detoured and what time of year this would be happening. Many of the trees that would be removed are scrub trees and there is a possibility of replanting. One upside is that part of the path that would be replaced needs to be repaired anyways.

- Southern option This option runs south of the current bike path. This option results in the most amount of bike bath destruction. There is possibly less tree destruction but not 100% sure.

Group discussed pros/cons and the group favored the middle option for Phase I up until Shorewood Blvd. with more info on the detour for the bike path, timing of project, along with whether trees along the railroad could be replanted.

Motion moved by Cara Coburn Faris:

The committee recommends to the board to approve the middle sanitary sewer route conditional on an acceptable detour for the bike path, the timeline of the bike path detour be in the off season, and the trees that are lost in construction to be replaced in a nearby location.

Seconded by Shabnam Lotfi. Motion was passed 6-0.

Crew Chief Opening:

Karl gave an update. The interview panel reduced the number of applicants to 4. There are currently 2 internal and 2 external applicants in consideration. Currently working on scheduling interviews. Currently the department is 5 people. The new chief will have to become a certified pool manager as well. This will be a new responsibility for the DPW crew. In the past, the pool manager had managed the pool chemicals. Due to changes in staff this will no longer be possible.

Subcommittee update for complete streets:

Cara is the chair. Laura is also a member. They would like to have Rick on the sub committee as well. They have not met yet. They want to collect community and staff input in this process and are interested in creating a survey. Also want to meet with Karl to discuss the draft plan. Shabnam brought a survey for review created for the services committee that may be going out to all residents. Committee recommended adding a question as to whether residents think there are enough sidewalks such as "Do you believe there are enough sidewalks?" or "Do you believe there are too many sidewalks?". Wording to be determined.

Ice Rinks

The rec committee will also be addressing these issues. Concerns from residents about lack of ice days and if this is going to get worse with climate change. Question was proposed for synthetic ice rinks.

Spring Prep

Tracy Bailey wanted our committee to start thinking about bike racks, painted green crosswalks. Would like to address these issues in March.

Capital Improvements

We have a 5 year capital plan with larger projects on it. Tracy B. wants all the intermediate maintenance projects to have a long term plan as well so everyone knows they are coming up. Karl mentioned many of these things are in our operating budget, such as reviewing sidewalk conditions and potholes. Committee would want the intermediate projects to have more transparency so they can be planned and budgeted for.

Yielding at Colgate and Yale

An email was received that there is no stop at this intersection and they were concerned about this area. Yield sign was there in the past based on google maps in 2007. Yield sign to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm