

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 4:30 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

Members: Chairperson Cindy Flower, Selena Proksa, Rich Hedlund, Tim Dunn, and Ken Howell

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Flower at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Flower, Howell, Hedlund, Proksa, and Dunn

Absent: None

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes

Sarah Hill; 1024 George St; Spoke in regards to the alley behind her home and to its condition. She stated that she would like to get this addressed with the Street Improvement Project.

Approve the regular Public Works Committee meeting minutes from February 11, 2020 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Hedlund to approve the minutes, second by Proksa. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Director of Public Works Report

DPW Director Earle stated that February was a busy month for the department. The Riviera project is moving along as far as the roof and tuck-pointing. The next step will be the updating of the windows.

He added that in 2021 there will be a paving project on Hwy 50 from the Grand Geneva Resort to the Walworth Co line.

The DPW has been sweeping the roads now that the weather is above freezing. Earle stated that there is about 300 tons of salt available in the event of a snow storm and that having the newer salt trucks will help with the conservancy as they can set computers to determine the amount of salt to be laid. Earle also noted that roof tiles from the Riviera had been saved and that maybe the Council would want to have a fundraiser by selling them.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the snow removal on Bike and Multi-Use Paths

Flower stated that she has seen the paths bring used frequently and wondered if the path should be plowed/shoveled. Earle expressed concerns with taking heavy equipment on those paths and the condition that those paths are in. Earle questioned that if the path is adjacent to a property, would the property owner be responsible to maintain that path or would the City be. The committee also discussed the possibility of adding a sidewalk from the Ridges through to east and explore the ability of exercising special assessment to pay for it. No action taken.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the 2021 Street Improvement Project

City Engineer Governatori stated that he has brought forward a task order for the 2021 Street Improvement project. This program will include work on Edwards Blvd from Sheridan Springs to Main Street and two alley reconstructions. He stated that he would like to review the traffic issues that are present on Edwards Blvd nearest to Highway 50. He added that the whole intersection needs to be reviewed as it has been widened within the last fifteen years and it has become very dangerous. Governatori noted that he will be exploring obtaining a grant from the WI DOT to help pay for the intersection work. The construction of the sidewalk through the Ridges subdivision is to be added to the task order for the 2021 street improvement project. This item will be back before the committee next month.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Native Plantings presentation

Motion by Flower to continue to the April meeting, second by Proksa. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding residential snow removal from sidewalks

Mayor Hartz discussed that the City Attorney had reviewed the ordinance for the snow removal as it relates to the curb cuts into the crosswalk. It was discussed that the City cannot require a homeowner to shovel the street even though the ordinance does indicate that the homeowner shall create a clear path for travel from the curb to the crosswalk.

Motion by Flower to continue, second by Proksa. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding leaf mulch disposal/repurposing

Proksa stated that other communities are doing this as to help abate the phosphorus issue in the lake. Earle stated that this issue is becoming very prominent with the WI DNR and that soon leaf collection in the gutter will come to an end. He added that the phosphorus issue presents itself when the leaves are left on pervious surfaces, like concrete or asphalt. Some other communities

collect the leaves, shred them, screen them and then sell back the compost to contractors. Earle stated that screening the shredded leaves can be very difficult and costly. Currently all of the leaves are composted in the City. No action taken.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the purchase of a 2020 International HV507 Cab & Chassis to be paid from the 2020 Equipment Replacement Fund

Earle stated that this was approved by the Council in December with the intent to purchase. This is being requested to approve the expenditure of the money from the equipment replacement fund. Motion by Proksa to approve and refer to the Finance Committee, second by Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding yearly maintenance contract for traffic signals with TAPCo

Earle stated that this is an annual contract and that necessary for the City. Hartz asked that there be a way to automate the pedestrian crossing if the cross button is not pushed. Earle stated that those areas are monitored by cameras to control these types of issues.

Motion by Howell to approve and refer to Finance for consideration, second by Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Agenda Items

- 2021 Street Improvement Project
- Home Depot "Park" Land
- Native Planting Presentation
- Disc Golf Bridge Update
- Center Street Crosswalk
- Solar energy for City Buildings

Adjourn

Motion by Dunn to adjourn second by Hedlund. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.