

**VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
November 14, 2017**

The Village of Beach Park held a Public Works Committee meeting on November 14, 2017 at the Village of Beach Park at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Ottersen, Jon Kindseth, Gene Gross, Regina Miller, Don Jensen, Gina Nelson and Chris Bouchard.

ABSENT: Ben Metzler

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Minutes Minutes from November meeting were discussed and approved with minor spelling changes. Trustee Jensen asked if RHMG had provided comments yet on the “recertification” process for SMC. Jon stated that yes, Chris actually has a hand out and will be speaking later during the Engineering update.

Monthly Report from Public Works No discussion.

Engineering: 2018 MFT Engineering Agreement: Chris handed out a memo regarding the 2018 MFT/FDR Project along with an engineering agreement for both. The agreement is not to exceed \$72,620.00. All agreed to recommend to the Board to accept. Gene brought up adding Wilson dead-end (south of Edgewood) and if allowed, we can try to incorporate. Discussion regarding the project on the north end of Holdridge at the School. RHMG to approach them to see if they will be willing to cost share the improvements that are within the right-of-way. Gene brought up that the church at the corner has the same situation.

Monthly Report from Engineering See Report. #16 – Miscellaneous Projects, Founders Park – it was discussed that we received an additional estimate to finish the walking path at Founders Park. Superior Paving came in at \$4,280.00 All agreed to accept and move forward. No further discussion.

Old Business: Village SMC Re-Certification: Chris handed out the memo and discussion occurred regarding why we should remain a certified community with SMC. Chris stated that remaining a certified community has several positive benefits. 1) With someone on staff being our Enforcement Officer (E.O), makes a smother transition for developers 2) as far as enforcement of violations are concerned, having an E.O on staff we have the capabilities to have a 1st time warning 3) Chris believes their costs are lower. Jon stated that the meeting we had with SMC was also positive with benefits to Beach Park as well. 1) we can choose which E.O officer would represent the Village (one of them being a Beach Park Resident to ensure vested interests were met) 2) reviews and inspections are not biased 3) we can re certify at any

time we choose. Mark stated he was not bias either way, and Don stated the he is with keeping outside agencies at hand. Committee would like to see some pros vs. cons with a recommendation from staff at the December PW Committee meeting. Jon will work on that.

- Wadsworth/Lewis Intersection Improvements: This was for informational purposes only. The LC DOT intersection improvements project is scheduled to be completed in 2019 / 2020 year. This brings up discussion regarding the long-awaited interconnect of the water systems which the cost just keeps going up on. It was suggested that we look at a cost estimate of just doing the crossing at the time of their project and figure out how to pay for the project (now at \$2.2 million) later. Committee would like to see that number before discussing any further.
- 2018 WMB Grant Monies: Jon stated that it is again recommended that we withdraw our application for the 2018 WMB Grant that was submitted and pursue other avenue of better funding sources. Jon sent a letter requesting to do so and also requested to enter into a separate intergovernmental agreement with LC SMC to receive financial assistance with the proposed project we submitted along Bull Creek for 2018.
- Mitigation of Landslide Properties: Jon informed the committee that within 5 years, the 2 properties in question are in eminent danger of falling into the creek. FEMA offers a 75% buy out of the properties, but the Village would have to contribute the other 25%. Don asked what the public benefit to buying these properties out would be? Mark asked about the houses that flood along Yorkhouse Road. Jon stated that the houses on Yorkhouse Rd have been approached about the buyout program however they have not shown interest. Jon stated that the payout from FEMA could be a while as there have been natural disasters elsewhere, but that this would be a permanent solution to the problem there as the houses would have to be demoed and the bank stabilized afterward's. Mark stated that he does not support the buy out of the homes along Marguerite Ln.
- New Business:
- Pace Bus Shelters: Jon will be meeting with the Pace representative on Friday for other locations we would like to see these shelters at. Pace actually pays the Village to install these. Revenue is somewhere between \$500 to \$1000 per shelter per year. Members want to know if they maintain the shelters, repair and damages to them and/or clean them as well?
- Bull Creek Conservation Easements: The Stakeholders Association who hold the easement on the back side of properties along Paxton basically no longer exists. The Village obtaining the conservation easements will fall in line with the rest of the properties that backup to the creek on the east side of Sheridan Road. All committee members agreed to recommend acceptance at the Board meeting level.
- Other Business: Jon brought up now that we have installed the new walking path along Sheridan Road and Beach Road, we need to start thinking about snow removal during winter months. Trustee Ottersen asked about liability of once we clear them are we liable for damages? What kind of equipment will be needed to remove the snow along these paths as well as manpower. Gene suggested that if we were going to remove the snow along these paths that we purchase a "V" plow extension and cab kit for the utility vehicle we have at the park. Another thing that was brought up was if there was anything we could do about all the geese at Founders Park. Discussion occurred. Staff will look into it.

8:05 P.M.

Adjourn: