

CITY OF DELAFIELD PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

D. Jashinsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

Art Baumann
Rick Lieblang
Gerry MacDougall
Dan Jashinsky
Harold Roberts
Tom Hafner

Pat Hawley
Mike Lamont

Also present:
Mike Court

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2008 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

A. BAUMANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2007, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED. G. MAC DOUGALL SECONDED THE MOTION. T. HAFNER NOTED THERE WERE SEVERAL CHANGES NEEDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE SECONDER, A. BAUMANN AMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE AMENDEMENTS AS FOLLOVED ON PAGE 7, ITEM 6A1, PARAGRAPH6, SENTENCE 3, CHANGE "SLIGHTLY MORE THAN HALF" TO "APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS," ON THE SAME PAGE, ITEM C1, SENTENCE 2, CHANGE "IN THE 1980'S" TO "IN 1992," ON SAME ITEM AND PARAGRAPH, SENTENCE 5, CHANGE "FUNDING RESOURCES" TO "ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES," IN SENTENCE 6 OF THE SAME ITEM, PAGE, AND PARAGRAPH, CHANGE "DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN AS CURRENTLY POSTED" TO "DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN AT 25 MPH." THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. NAGAWICKA ROAD BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PATH ALTERNATIVES – RECONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

D. Jashinsky reviewed the previous recommendation of the Public Works Committee to the Council regarding the proposed Nagawicka Road bicycle/pedestrian path alternatives. He noted that the Council had considered the Committee's recommendation of a four foot bicycle/pedestrian on road path located on either side of the road. T. Hafner clarified that this proposed pathway included a four foot on road

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path located on each side of the roadway only from Oakwood Avenue to Hirschman Lane. The recommendation included a four foot on road path on the easterly side of the roadway north of Hirschman Lane to the bridge crossing the Bark River and an eight foot off road path on the westerly side of Nagawicka Road as well. At the most recent regularly scheduled Common Council meeting, Alderperson B. Leonard had motioned to construct a five foot on road path, located solely on the easterly side of the roadway from Oakwood Avenue to the Bark River bridge. In addition, Mayor Schumann had requested additional consideration be given to that proposed five foot on road path from Oakwood Avenue to the Bark River and an off road path on the westerly side of the roadway, with no dual sided lanes from Oakwood Lane to Hirschman Lane. Given these additional alternatives, the Council had requested the Public Works Committee to reconsider its recommendation on this issue. Thus, a need for a Special Public Works Committee meeting had been requested in order to minimize impacts to an associated bidding process schedule.

D. Jashinsky stated he wanted to reiterate the recommendation of the Committee on this issue. He stated the recommendation made met bike path standards for safety while he believed the option of a five foot path on either side of the roadway would not meet any safety standards.

In the absence of P. Hawley, T. Hafner read into record the following comments stated by P. Hawley in an email from P. Hawley to T. Hafner dated 2/20/08. P. Hawley strongly believed some type of pedestrian/bicycle path should be provided along Nagawicka Road, and secondly, he thought the plan recommended by the Public Works Committee (PWC) provided the best compromised solution as it minimized impacts to property owners compared to an off-road path and still provided a safe environment for both pedestrians and bicyclists. He also stated a five-foot two-way bicycle/pedestrian path along one side of the road was an unsafe and impractical solution. He attached a PDF file from the Wisconsin Bicycle Facility Design Handbook that highlighted why a two-way bike lane on one side of the roadway was unacceptable. This was in addition to the fact the Handbook recommended a two-way width of ten feet for bike paths, and stated "In rare instances, a reduced width of eight feet can be adequate."

A. Baumann stated, based on his experience with the Department of Transportation, that he did not believe a five foot path to be safe as there was not enough room logically for two people to pass on the pathway. He recommended the Committee support its original recommendation. He further stated it would be more prudent to construct no pathway than to construct any other options proposed.

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T. Hafner agreed, noting accommodations constructed that did not meet standards were undesirable. D. Jashinsky agreed also, noting he believed national standards should be followed. R. Lieblang also agreed.

H. Roberts expressed concern for any liability the City might have should a pathway be constructed without appropriate standards.

At this time, Alderperson B. Leonard spoke from the audience, questioning whether other collector streets had included bike/pedestrian paths consideration upon reconstruction as she was interested in being consistent in this matter.

D. Jashinsky clarified that paths being considered as collector streets were being redone as outlined in the City's Master Plans. He clarified that the purpose of the meeting this evening was to make a recommendation to Council based on the knowledge and expertise of those present. To that end, comments were taken.

Caroline O'Brian, 2307 Nagawicka Road - Presented a petition holding 36 names opposed to any widening of Nagawicka Road and to any pedestrian pathway being added to Nagawicka Road. She noted speed enforcement and pedestrian safety to be an issue, as well as the proposed pathway seemed to go nowhere and would enhance drainage to the lake

Jerry Tearney, 2417 Nagawicka Road - Expressed concern for the safety of people walking and biking. He also expressed concern that motorists were not stopping at Oakwood Road and would often slide into the intersection of Oakwood and Nagawicka Roads. He wanted this situation fixed through enforcement measures rather than widening the roadway. He thought the recommendation for a pathway to be a big mistake with the potential for lives lost.

Discussion ensued with the Committee members and Alderperson Leonard regarding the need for additional studies and direction to be taken from the City's Master Plan on this issue.

Kevin Fitzgerald, 3000 Nagawicka Road - He was opposed to the path. He believed the City's Comprehensive Plan was a "should" not a "must." He noted that portions of Nagawicka Road had been paved without inclusion of a pathway as were other roadways within the City. He also questioned whether the planning documents for the northeast quadrant had depicted an off road bicycle path.

M. Court clarified that on earlier projects Hirschman Lane had been widened in anticipation of a future pathway. He also noted Price Road was a collector street with additional width if a pathway was desirable.

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Further, he explained previous Councils had decided not to construct additional width on Nagawicka Road north of the bridge.

In response to a question by Roger Brotberg, 2720 Nagawicka Road, D. Jashinsky stated a concern for tree loss inhibited the recommendation to widen the roadway north of the Bark River in the previous Council decision.

Janet McCollum, 2660 Nagawicka Road - Stated that she owned over 600 feet on Nagawicka Road and when she moved to the area 21 years ago it was rural. She was quite concerned about the safety of small children riding or walking along the proposed pathway as well as a loss of trees to bring the pathway to fruition.

Larry Chapmen, 2112 Bay Point Road - Noted concern for heavy traffic on the roadway; however he thought the path was needed, but didn't see it being appropriate on Nagawicka roadway. He stated he thought the City needed a plan to ease traffic and placement of a pathway later as it would be great to have kids to walk or bike to the park or school.

Jean Lehmann, 2405 Nagawicka Road - Stated safety was an issue in backing out of her driveway. In addition, she thought the proposed path went nowhere, and she requested that the Committee's recommendation to Council be that no pathway should be placed in this area at all.

Kent Attwell, 2816 Ridley Road - Stated he had heard in this process that a separate path was safest; however, he also heard the path was feasible to Hirschman Lane and then easements changed on the maps with permission from property owners being required. He also questioned whether the City had the right to acquire property for this project.

M. Court explained the right of way issues regarding the proposed plans.

T. Hafner explained that the City had the authority to acquire property, but rarely utilized it in matters such as this one.

Cynthia McNeil-Thomas, 2610 Nagawicka Road - She checked with the insurance company and they will not insure her as the path would set up a visual hazard. She would advocate no path.

Ken Ellings, 2822 Ridley Road - Would support a separated path, and would like to see costs for other separate path options.

D. Jashinsky reviewed the planning process utilized in this matter and noted that extensive consideration and review had been part of the process.

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In response to Alderperson Leonard's question, T. Hafner explained that costs due to economies of scale in projects and inflation also made it desirable to consider placing the pathway at the time of the roadway construction.

Tracy Enan, 200 Sylvester Drive - She believed the speed issue to be a separate issue from the proposed pathway. She stated there was still a need as pedestrians and bicyclists currently utilized the roadway and that was not going to change. Furthermore, she thought something needed to be done, although she was not certain about the need for separated pathways.

D. Jashinsky agreed, noting people were using the roadway and he believed it the charge of the Public Works Committee to make it safer for those using it.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate width of the roadway as it pertained to regulations.

R. Lieblang stated he believed it was important to work within the regulations set forth on such matters; otherwise he could not support a recommendation on the proposed pathway.

Additional discussion took place regarding potential cost impacts and tree removal issues associated with an off road path.

H. Roberts stated he did not think the City would go through the cost and efforts associated with land acquisition for a path. D. Jashinsky and R. Lieblang agreed.

M. Court reviewed the approximate cost of the proposed project with regard to specific variations and tree removal issues associated with an off road path. T. Hafner also noted that Mayor Schumann had, at the most recent Common Council meeting, suggested the use of a raised crosswalk in an effort to provide traffic calming measures on the roadway and this suggestion had impacted the cost estimate as well. Further, he stated Mayor Schumann had recommended only one of these raised crosswalk areas as the bridge would provide a traffic calming measure in and of itself. M. Court went on to review cost estimates for the trail inclusions and variations.

A. BAUMANN MOTIONED TO REPEAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AS SPECIFIED AT THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING (THAT MOTION STATED: "A. BAUMANN RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE PLAN B1, SUCH THAT IT FOLLOWED THE PATH AS SHOWN AND INCLUDED A FOUR FOOT PATH ALONG THE ROADWAY EXTENDING NORTH OF HIRSCHMAN LANE AND ALSO DIRECTING THE ENGINEERING EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE

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AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE IMPACT TO THE TREES AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY AND MAINTAIN ALL PRIVACY SCREENING AS POSSIBLE AND INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACEMENT OF THE SCREENING LANDSCAPE. P. HAWLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. T. HAFNER QUESTIONED WHETHER THE MOTION INCLUDED DIRECTION CONTINGENT UPON ENGINEERING PROVIDING CONFIRMATION THERE WAS ADEQUATE RIGHT OF WAY TO ALLOW THE FOUR FOOT PATH TO BE PLACED ALONGSIDE THE ROADWAY. A. BAUMANN RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. P. HAWLEY QUESTIONED WHETHER THE FALLBACK OPTION WOULD BE TO GO WITH OPTION B. A. BAUMANN AMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE CONTINGENCY THAT SHOULD ALTERNATIVE B1 NOT BE POSSIBLE DUE TO ENGINEERING ISSUES WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY SIZE, OPTION B SHOULD BE UTILIZED. P. HAWLEY AGREED. M. COURT QUESTIONED WHETHER THE LANE WIDTH SHOULD BE REDUCED TO TEN FEET IN EITHER DIRECTION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SPEED REDUCTION AND EXTEND PATH SIZE. A. BAUMANN STATED HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRESENTED ON MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO INCLUSION IN THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.") **AND SHOULD COUNCIL NOT AGREE WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NO PATHWAY AT ALL AND ONLY SUFFICIENT WIDENING OF NAGAWICKA ROAD AS TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE ONLY. R. LIEBLANG SECONDED THE MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE SECONDOR, A. BAUMANN AMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SPEED ENFORCEMENT ALONG NAGAWICKA ROADWAY. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER/TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. EMERGENCY ROAD SALT PURCHASE

T. Hafner explained that due to the recent heavy snowfalls, he had requested the City Administrator to purchase additional salt for City use.

B. CITY ENGINEER

There was nothing further to report on at this time.

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C. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

There was nothing further to report on at this time.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. ADJOURN

R. LIEBLANG MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:47 P.M. H. ROBERTS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes Prepared By:

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