

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2019

Police Department – 933 Michigan Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Mayor Wiza, Director of Public Works Scott Beduhn, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** Tori Jennings(1st), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Mary Kneebone(7th), Mary McComb(9th) and Shaun Morrow(11th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Tom Schrader – Parks & Recreation and Michael Ostrowski – Inspection & Development.

OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, City Clerk Paul Piotrowski, Fire Chief Bob Finn and Police Chief Martin Skibba.

ALDERPERSONS: David Shorr(2nd), Cindy Nebel(3rd), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Meleesa Johnson(5th), Cathy Dugan(8th), and Mike Phillips(10th).

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point Metro Wire, Alan Hovorka – Stevens Point Journal, Bob Buerger – AECOM, Brian Beaulien – 2132 Elk Street, Amelia DelGreco – 2250 College Avenue, Bonnie Jezeski – 241 17th Avenue North, Wisconsin Rapids, John Lima – 508 Meadow Street, Matt Disher – 1009 Park Street, Amanda Fritsche – 1240 West Whitney Street and Maddie Goetz – 2625 Fourth Avenue.

Chairperson Mayor Wiza called to order the Board of Public Works meeting at 6:06 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Police Department located at 933 Michigan Avenue in Stevens Point.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Director Beduhn stated he had nothing to add to his report.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved to approval; seconded by Aldersperson McComb to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. To accept the Ordinance Amendment in Section 9.02 for "15 Miles per hour speed limit" and in Section 9.05 for "No Parking".

Mayor Wiza explained that this came about in Aldersperson McComb's District in regards to motorists not obeying the speed limit around the KASH Playground. This is just a start in making this area safer. Mayor Wiza added that we also have a couple of other things in the works including

possible speed bumps or something to make people aware when in that area during the summer season.

Alderson Jennings agreed that just changing the speed limit alone rarely slows traffic unless there is enforcement and we do not have the personnel to do that so she would like to see us look into the design problem of that street.

Alderson Morrow agreed with Alderson Jennings that just putting slower speed limit signs is not going to do much unless it is enforced.

Alderson Slowinski added that he would like to see the speed bumps put up come summer.

Alderson McComb pointed out that there are other areas of concern on the west side. She would like to see something citywide regarding the speeding concerns in lots of areas.

City Attorney Beveridge stated that in Municipal Court, the Police Department does write up a lot of speeding tickets.

Amanda Frische at 1240 West Whitney Street, directly across the street from KASH Park stated that she has written numerous emails and has called numerous people over the last 11 years that she has lived at this location and she feels that it is more than just speeding. She said that it is also people going the wrong way and others with total disregard for the population of children in that area. She added that she is without a doubt surprised that nobody has been hit yet. She feels that this issue needs to get resolved now.

Alderson McComb moved approve the Ordinance Amendment; seconded by Alderson Slowinski.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. To award the bid for Contract "A" for the Zenoff Park Synthetic Turf Infield Improvements Project for the General Site Construction to H&H Civil Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$291,896.34.

Director Schrader stated that if anyone remembers this, it was bid out in the past and bids came in over budget. He thinks the time constraint we were trying to do it in was a reason bids came in so high. He added that this project will not be started until August this year and be complete sometime around October or early November. He added that the Softball Association raised the money to cover the cost of putting the turf on the skin of the three infields at Zenoff.

Mayor Wiza moved to award the bid to for Contract "A" for the Zenoff Park Synthetic Turf Infield Improvements Project for the General Site Construction to H&H Civil Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$291,896.34; seconded by Alderson Morrow.

C/T Ladick noted that part of the funding for this is going to come from a fund that the Parks Department manages called the Cell Tower Fund. This fund is the revenue from the cell towers that are in Zenoff Park. He added that at some point we will need to bring a formal transfer forward for making this project happen.

Aldersperson Nebel asked for clarification in that the dollar amount is not being completely covered by the Softball Association to which C/T Ladick said it is a variety of sources.

Aldersperson Nebel asked if it could be stated for the public where all the money is coming from for both Zenoff Park Projects to which Director Schrader said the Softball Association has solicited sponsorship and the Little League Baseball Association has money for the projects as well. Also, as mentioned, the Parks Department through the Cell Tower Fund as well as the Community Parks Improvement Committee (which Mayor Wiza noted is not part of a city group, it is a group of citizens who actively participate in park improvements). Director Schrader also said the Room Tax Committee approached the Tourism Committee to submit a grant application and received money from the City Room Tax Fund and the Convention and Visitors Bureau Room Tax Fund. There was also a donation from Rettler & Associates who will be overseeing in the construction part of the project and seven private donations from people. With all of this money pooled together, we are able to do the two Zenoff Park Projects being discussed tonight.

Aldersperson Nebel asked how much the cell tower fund generated to which Director Schrader stated \$180,000.00.

Mayor Wiza asked Director Schrader to get a breakdown of the amounts to the Alderspersons before next week.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. To award the bid for Contract "B" for the Zenoff Park Synthetic Turf Infield Improvements Project for the Synthetic Turf Installation to Astro Turf in an amount not to exceed \$247,704.00.

There was no discussion regarding the Contract "B" portion for Zenoff Park Project.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved to approve awarding the Synthetic Turf Installation to Astro Turf; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. To award the 2019 Tree Removal Services to Tree Fella Company in the amount of \$41,395.00

Director Beduhn explained that the City Forester solicits quotes for tree services every year and brings it forward to this committee. The City Forester is recommending awarding the contract to Tree Fella Company.

Aldersperson Kneebone moved to award the 2019 Tree Removal Services to Tree Fella Company in the amount of \$41,395.00; seconded by Aldersperson Morrow.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Mayor Wiza adjourned the January 14, 2019 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:21 p.m.