

Public Works Committee
Thursday, September 16th, 2021
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Tom Majewski, Lisa Reeves, Fred Hundt, Kathy Engelberger, Kay Rashka, Rachel Venegas and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Rachel Venegas and Rodney Scheel

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert and Jennifer Wagner – Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Call to Order: *Majewski* called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1) Communications:

- *Hebert* stated that a new overlay is being put on the bridge deck at the Senior Center this last week and it was a lot more work than anticipated but should be done within the next two weeks.
- *Hebert* stated most of the recent road construction is near complete with just the surface restoration left.
- *Hebert* stated all the Public Works employees recently completed Salt Wise training – which pertains to information on how to reduce salt usage during plow season

2) Approve August 19th, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hundt seconded by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business:

3) Update from the Friends of the Stoughton Prairies Task Force:

Engelberger informed the Committee that things have been going well and have making good progress on their most recent work days. Starting September 25th, the work days will then be every Saturday; rotating between the two prairies. *Engelberger* also stated she did some recent networking with Dane Co. Parks and they have agreed to meet with her at the prairies for input on how it is looking as well as provide free seed. The task force also had their first meeting this month where they elected *Engelberger* to be Chair, Becca Mills to be Vice-Chair and they have one office member, Jean Scoon. They are still looking for one more member to join as well.

4) Review Round-about Landscaping Design Proposal:

Hebert presented a proposal that was provided from Saki Design for the three new roundabouts as well as the one existing. He reached out to other municipalities to get input to see if the proposal was reasonable and each one stated that it was.

5) Update on Amundson Park Superfund Site Use:

Hebert stated he received a recent email from Terra Focus looking for unused spaces such as Superfund Sites for the use of solar panels. They have done recent work around the area in working with the EPA and DNR; in which they are in support of such project because the space is used in a positive way for creating energy. A meeting has been set up next Tuesday with Stoughton Utilities to discuss in more detail.

New Business:

6) Downtown LED Lighting Program Update:

Hebert presented a spreadsheet showing the usage in past years compared to the usage since updating the downtown lighting last year. It has saved around \$4,000 annually and expects payback to be in just 2.7 years. The bulbs also come with a 10 year warranty which makes the maintenance non-existent when in past years, about 6-10 bulbs would need to be changed a year.

7) Future Agenda Items:

Minimum Terrace Width for New Development

Minimum Landscape Maintenance Standards for Commercial Properties & parking lots

Pedestrian Safety Features at Round-abouts

Tour of the Public Works Facility

8) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Reeves, seconded by Hundt to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Wagner