

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
April 23, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.
Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee (7:03 am)	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Samuel Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Ryan Marion, Code Official	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Bruce Hill, Novotny Engineering	X

Trustee Boyce opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Gesky, to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024, meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **MFT Update** – Mr. Hanley presented a map showing the areas that will be having road repairs, such as mill and overlay, tar and chipping and patching. Mr. Hill stated that the documents are being submitted to IDOT today for approval. Mr. Hill is hoping for quick approval and then a bid opening date will be set.
- **Thies Park** – The contractor has moved a bulldozer to the site. The materials have been ordered. Once the final foundation drawings are ready and laid out the contractor will start the earthwork. Mr. Hanley found a product that are lights that can be put on posts called “tweener lights”. The committee is concerned more about the noise from the pickleball courts not the lights. Wiring could be placed for the lights but adding them could be held for another time. Mr. Hanley will also check using this type of lighting at Legacy Park.

- **Quiet Zone for Railroad crossings** – The process has been started, but it will take at least a few years for the entire process to complete.
- **CH 9 widening & I-57 Overpass project** – Mr. Hanley was at a meeting with IDOT. The I-57 overpass project will hopefully start in 2025 – 2027. The CH9 widening will be out for bid in July, but utilities will have to be relocated so actual road construction would probably start in 2025.
- **Legacy Park south parking lot, path, and pond** – Mr. Hill stated that final plans will be submitted to the village by the end of this week with a bid date set for the parking lot portion of the project. The surveyor is completing the pond and pier portion of the project. The plan is to have the parking lot portion completed before Wildcat Football uses the park in August, but the pier and pond portion will still be under construction.
- **Parks Update** –
 - Installing equipment at Windfield Park – Mr. Hanley will get a price for adding curbing and either rubber mulch or pour in place product.
 - Irrigation has been tested.
 - Aerating, seeding and fertilizing parks and village hall
 - Working with MYBSL in preparing fields for play
 - Jumping pillow and fountain ready for May 5th. Park rangers will be used on weekends and then more once school is out.
 - RFPs are due on 5/2/24 for turfing the southwest corner of the Square
- **Equipment Update** –
 - Purchases will be in the new budget year.
- **Misc.:**
 - Mr. Hill had meeting with the fiber optics companies – not many showed up
 - Netting for Heritage Park has been ordered
 - Updating of Heritage Park dugouts is complete
 - Repair of the stamped asphalt at the Square was not well done. Mr. Hanley will talk to Gallagher.
 - The adding of additional speed bumps on Westshore was discussed. Mr. Hanley stated that the HOA had a meeting, and they were supposed to get consensus that all members are ok with adding the speed bumps. Rules and research are needed for adding additional speed bumps on how many per road or block allowed.
 - The committee discussed reinstating the camera rebate program. The program will be reopened again until 12/31/24 for new residents that have recently moved into the village.

Motion by Trustee Dole, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn meeting at 7:47 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk