

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
August 27, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.
Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Bruce Hill, HR Green Engineering	X

Trustee Boyce opened the meeting at 7:38 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Boudreau, seconded by Trustee Dole, to approve the minutes from July 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Square on Second** – Mr. Hanley stated that the north tree that is scheduled to be taken down after Oktoberfest had to have a part of it removed early due to issues with the tree. The new turf will be put into that area. A possible climbing structure that was talked about has tripled in price (\$100,000 to \$300,000).

Trustee Dole asked about parking golf carts on the turf. Mr. Hanley is concerned about fluids on the turf. Trustee Gesky is concerned about wheel turning on the turf. Mayor Nugent suggested that golf cart parking could be set up at the old PD parking lot.

- **Railroad Quiet Zone** – Mr. Hanley stated some additional information was obtained after attending the meeting of entities. The gates at the Third Street crossing are not in the correct position. After the second track was removed, the gates were supposed to be moved. CN Railroad is aware of the problem and ICC has been asking about the correction. ICC will hold the Quiet Zone hostage until CN Railroad corrects the issue.

Trustee Boudreau exited the meeting at 7:47 a.m.

Mr. Hill stated that the village will continue to hit the data analytics that are required so the project will move forward. The Third Street issue may be a roadblock that CN Railroad will need to be pushed to fix.

ICC wanted to have some additional stripping completed on the streets with railroad crossings. Mr. Hanley had Kankakee County come and do the painting. Additional signage will also be needed. ICC has grants for fencing. Mr. Hanley will investigate this option.

The pedestrian crossing will probably need a gate that is tied into the gates at Division and Third Street.

The decision to approve a quiet zone is still 12-18 months away.

- **Park Tournament Discussion** – Mr. LaRocque stated that the village has received calls about individuals or groups who would like to have pickle ball or whiffle ball tournaments. Mr. LaRocque reached out to neighboring communities that have pickle ball courts. Those municipalities have park districts that have employees to manage these types of events. Mr. LaRocque presented a Pro/Con sheet on the idea (see packet). The Village Attorney stated that the village can make any rules they would like, but enforcing these rules may be very difficult. Mr. LaRocque suggested that the village may want to wait a year and see what transpires. The trustees were asked to think about the options and the discussion will continue at the next committee meeting.
- **State Champions Sign Discussion** – The idea of displaying signs for state champions was asked to be discussed by Trustee Boudreau. A policy of where or who should be displayed – road signs or parks; individuals or teams; schools, 4-H, Scouts or recreation leagues. Mr. Hanley stated that the schools do put up banners to honor their championships. The discussions will continue.

Trustee Dole exited the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

- **Hendrickson Park Basketball Court** – Mr. Hanley stated that moving the skateboard equipment will not work. To replace the equipment would be \$100,000 or more. Mr. Hanley would still like to take up the asphalt and put in a concrete pad for basketball. This would be a fall project.
- **Current Project Updates -**
 - Heritage Park Bathrooms – bathrooms are completed. The update looks very good.
 - Thies Park
 - Pouring concrete for bocce
 - Light poles are up
 - Pavement completed in pickleball courts
 - Bocce ball shade structures are due to be delivered this week
 - Pavilion structure next month

- Will check with Lonnie Knotts on sign
 - Concrete should be completed by end of the week
 - Parking lot will get paved at the end of the project since they are using the parking lot as a staging area
 - Should be completed by end of September, but they are behind schedule, will continue to push for completion
 - Cypress Street lights
 - Suppose to start after Labor Day
 - Legacy Park
 - Some final dirt work to complete around parking lot
 - Electricians boring for poles
 - 1st home football game went well
 - Will add barricades at the end of the path that stops at the pond
 - 2nd phase (pond expansion) will be out for bid next week
 - Will add no parking signs along 10,000
 - MFT – street maintenance
 - Stripping to be completed
 - Phase 2 of the tar & chip process starts this week
 - Square on Second
 - Working on getting the fireplace repaired – new parts ordered
 - Excavation of the southwest corner to add turf should start this week
- **Parks Update** –
 - Would like to replace equipment at:
 - Jacobs Park
 - Ruder Park – put this on top of list with a poured in place product instead of using mulch every year
 - Heritage Park
- **Equipment Update** –
 - Walk behind rake ordered – for sidewalk restorations
 - Remote mower is working well
- **Misc.:**
 - Block party request for Sept. 14th at White Tail Drive

Motion by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to adjourn meeting at 8:21 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk