

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on May 29, 2018.

Present

B. Anderson
K. Fortunati
A. Giannattasio
G. Grant
P. Vetro

Also Present

C. Saley, Public Works Director
P. Piscitelli, Recreation Director
L. Streit, Secretary
Leroy Dupee, 25 Newton Street

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dupee stated that he has lived here for 40 years at his current address and at the entrance of his driveway is a large accumulation of sand. He has been cleaning it for 15 years and has called Public Works several times. Glendale Farms is across the street and is not paved and the slope of the land creates gullies and settles right in front of his driveway. There is a drain 25' away but it is higher than the driveway. He stated that he has great respect for Public Works and all of the work they do. He came in October to put in a request; he emailed Chris and Steve and did not receive a response. He then went to the Mayor's office and met with Steve Fournier and he suggested he come to the Public Works meeting. Chris stated that a tree came down from the storm and was removed within 1 hour. Mr. Dupee agreed. Chris stated that there have been a number of complaints; he will look into this and contact Mr. Dupee. Chris further stated that the staff person was injured and has been out and that every street has been swept this year. The committee thanked Mr. Dupee for coming.

Minutes

A motion was made by Vetro, seconded by Giannattasio to accept the minutes of the April meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Anderson asked about 28 Lawrence Street; the tree stump and sidewalk tree lift. Chris stated that he will speak to staff tomorrow; the Gas Company is going there. Anderson asked about 300 Welche's Point Road. Chris will follow up with this. Anderson asked about 39 Lance Lane. Chris stated that he went out there and there is a wire involved. He has called the UI Company and this is on the list to be evaluated and if it is safe the tree will be removed. Anderson noted the poles removed at Eisenhower Park and stone put it and that it looked good. Chris stated that the building is going up and the crosswalks have been fixed. There are a lot of repairs and potholes. Anderson asked about the crosswalk at Welche's Point and Buckingham. Chris stated that it is not what is historically there.

Director's Report

- Eisenhower Park – sewer lines are being put in and some concrete work has been done. They are framing the building and then the mechanicals will go in. July 4th is the goal. Paving will start next week; the drainage is starting to be installed. The parking at Foot Field and the tennis courts will be redone.
- Walnut Beach – work is being done; the parking lot will be being overlaid this week. This beach is heavily used. People are bringing grills to the beach and this is a problem. Chris

will be meeting with the Mayor, Chief Edo and the Recreation Department. There needs to be more enforcement/control with parking fees. A discussion followed regarding tickets and fees; meters were suggested. It was discussed that more supervision is needed at the beaches and parks. Chris stated that the Eisenhower Park improvement is a big job; the electric went in, the pump station for sewage went in, some galley work is to be done. Grant stated that the cans were overflowing at Walnut Beach. Anderson stated that the Food Truck Festival is on Saturday and more barrels are needed as well as recycling bins. Anderson further stated that for events, the coordinators could be held responsible for this. It was discussed that there is a \$3.00 admission and vendors pay \$100.00 per truck. Chris feels fees for events should include maintenance. Paul stated that the fee structure needs to be revisited. Grant asked if a water fountain could be added.

- Sidewalks at West Shore and the Margaret Egan Center will be worked on making them more ADA compliant.

Concerns

- Vetro stated that a tree went down at 49 Lance Lane, the tree was cut up, the sidewalk heaved. The form was poured and no one has returned to finish the job. Chris stated that he will follow up with this.
- German stated that a tree was taken down on Village Road and there is a sidewalk lift. Chris stated that he will look into this. German asked who cuts the grass at the Senior Center as it needs to be cut. Chris stated that Public Works does and he will follow up with this. German asked about having a community garden there. Chris stated that it would be a great idea.
- Giannattasio asked about bulk pick up; there is debris still out on curbs. Chris stated that they are a little behind due to the storms/rain. Giannattasio also stated that since the dredging downtown, he has noticed an odor. Chris stated that he will look into this.
- Anderson stated that a gutter is needed by the Superintendent's office at Parson's; as well as paint and trim.
- Playgrounds are being done at Meadowside Road, Anderson Avenue and West Shore Recreation.
- Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director – reported on the update at Eisenhower Park. He stated that it is very important that both departments work together; he can't run a program without facilities and maintenance. This is a huge project. Having a splash pad area is behind a few years from other areas. Pickle Ball is typically down south. It is for all ages and all skill levels. This was successful and is being tried at the tennis courts with repainting. Milford residents will get a season pass and this works well. The pass is for 3 times during the week and once on the weekend for 1.5 hour increments. Court time is from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. He anticipates having Pickle Ball leagues and this will be a transition/influx. The Splash Pad is a lot of space at Eisenhower Park and will have multi-generational use. This helps drive economics. Parking fees were discussed; resident verses non residents and this will be referred to the City Attorney. It will be a very busy place; the Splash Pad, Dog Park, Pickle Ball, Bodies' Place. Lockers for a fee were suggested. He anticipates having a staff person there; the hours haven't been worked out yet. Vetro stated that East Haven has a buzzer system; when a bucket fills up a buzzer goes off so people can either run under it or run out before it dumps. There will be cameras there. Having cameras at other locations was discussed. Cameras were installed at Shadyside Lane today; it is heavily vandalized. German asked about non-profit organizations for Eisenhower. Paul stated that Bodies' Place

is still in place and that was done by a non profit organization. A discussion followed regarding camping for Milford residents. Fortunati stated that there are 3 big trees down on the trail. Chris will look into this.

The next regular meeting will be on June 25, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit