

Minutes of the Public Works Committee on July 30, 2018.

Present

B. Anderson
D. German
P. Vetro
K. Fortunati
J. Golden
A. Giannattasio

Also Present

C. Saley, Public Works Director
L. Streit, Secretary

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

Director's Report

- Chris reported that he met with some residents regarding the Dog Park; they would like 2 different areas. One area for big dogs; one area to rest and one to run as well as a small dog area was discussed. They would like just one area for big dogs and one area for small dogs. Chris met with Gayle Slossberg; residents asked to expand the area a little. They are in the process of moving it around. The entrance area is concrete and there is a sod field area. Golden stated that mud and holes are a problem. Chris stated that there was a drainage issue and they redirected the catch basin and will sod the area. The area needs to be closed for 3-4 weeks to put in an irrigation system and water area for drinking. Golden asked if it is open in the winter. Chris stated that it will not be a priority to plow, but it will be plowed. Fortunati asked about a time frame. Chris stated that the end of September is the goal. Golden asked how people would be kept out of the area during this time. Chris stated that the gates would be locked. Golden asked if trees would be planted. Chris stated that they would be.
- Public Works is just beginning to prepare for winter. Chris is concerned with a heavy storm and the trucks. 5 trucks came off line last year and one new one was received. They are working on Walnut Beach and enforcement is needed on the parking and fees. A permanent bathroom may be put in where the port-o-potty is now.
- Getting internet connection at Eisenhower Park is being worked on. Giannattasio asked if people are bringing food here and if there is a lot of garbage. Chris stated that they are being emptied more. Some busses have been coming in. Recreation staff is there from 11:00 am til 6:00 pm. Chris stated that it is a great asset for the City and is well received.
- The dump fee is currently \$80 per ton and as of 8/14/18 will be increased to \$94 per ton. The running of the Transfer Station is going out to bid. There was a hydraulic leak and it had to be closed for clean up. Recycling was discussed; hauling away the end product was a revenue stream and is now a cost.

Concerns

- 20 Lawrence Avenue is on this list to be worked on.
- The sidewalks on Shadyside Lane and the Pumpkin Delight area are to be done.
- Fortunati stated that the Mayor would like to restart the Recycling Task Force and is asking for volunteers. Single use plastic bags are an issue and an ordinance resolution proposal is being discussed and needs to be a community effort. Public education, corporate sponsorship and city distributing reusable bags was discussed.
- Anderson asked about the Gulf Street project; it is to go out to bid in the next 1-1/2 months and maybe start in the spring. Anderson asked if after it goes out to bid the residents can be

met with. Chris stated that they can be. Fortunati asked if there could be bike lanes. Chris stated that there will be a pedestrian area but not a bike area; you are not supposed to ride bikes on sidewalks.

- Golden asked about the softball fields; drainage at Washington Field and lights at Foote Field have been requested. Chris will look into this. Golden asked about 58 River Street and the garbage from the Farmers Market; cans are in the parking lot now instead of the island and she asked when the garbage is picked up. Chris stated that there is a dumpster there and the Down Town Business Group runs the Farmers Market and he recommended she look into who is responsible for the dumpster on site.
- German stated that on 15 Nicole Drive the asphalt is coming up. Chris will look into this. Also with the Oyster Festival coming up he asked if the overgrowth at the Stonebridge can be cleaned up. Chris stated that they are looking into an aquatic herbicide and hope to get it done by the Oyster Festival. The area was discussed.
- It was discussed that the Green is looking great; some businesses are taking over some areas and then they can advertise there (Adopt a Spot).
- Anderson asked about curbing work at 218 West River and Housatonic Avenue. Chris will follow up with this. Anderson asked about paving. Chris will send the list out.

The next regular meeting will be on August 27, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit