



## **Public Works Committee Minutes**

**Monday, June 11, 2018, at 5:30 pm**

**Whitefish Bay Library Program Room**

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm

Present: Trustee Miller (Chairman), Trustee Serebin, Tom Kindschi, John Dargle

Absent: Trustee Davis

Also Present: Paul Boening – Village Manager, John Edlebeck – Public Works Director, Tim Blakeslee – Assistant Village Manager

### **II. Review and Approve minutes of May 14, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting:**

Tom Kindschi moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting. Trustee Serebin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

### **III. Review and Possible Recommendation on Safety and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Lake Drive at Palisades Drive/Bartlett Avenue intersection**

Public Works Director John Edlebeck described the interim improvements completed over the three years at the location. The proposal at the meeting tonight is in response to safety concerns from residents and prior to work that can be done via the state HSIP grant in 2020. Edlebeck said the proposal is to install a Rapid Flashing Beacon “RFB” and an advance sign for northbound traffic.

Edlebeck said that anything that the Village installs now will be relocated to a new location in 2020 when the state completes their improvements. Edlebeck said this is just a recommendation to the Village Board about the concept and didn’t want to get too involved in a budget discussion. He did say the cost would be approximately \$16,000.

Trustee Serebin asked if the Village does work now will the State change their plans or reduce the grant amount. Edlebeck said he doesn’t believe it would matter and that he’s talked to the State.

Trustee Serebin asked if the sign install can be done in-house. Edlebeck said that the Village would need to contract out for the work. John Dargle asked if this is temporary and different than the work that would be completed in 2020. Edlebeck said it would be similar to

some of the work done in 2020, and the Village would move it when the State work starts. John Dargle asked if the Village leaves the lights in the location, would the Village have savings in 2020. Edlebeck said the Village would not get credit for it or receive savings, and thus it makes sense to move it to another location.

John Dargle noted that it was only three flashing signals instead of four. Edlebeck said that he doesn't believe a signal is needed for southbound traffic. Tom Kindschi noted that the arrows in the drawings look confusing. Edlebeck said that they are only visible going one direction.

*DANIEL HELLER (1625 E FAIRMOUNT AVE) asked if anything was proposed now to change traffic. Edlebeck said right now this was just flashing lights.*

*MAUREEN DSOUZA (5001 N PALISADES RD) asked if the flashing lights would be on all the time. Edlebeck said they would only turn on when pressed.*

Trustee Serebin asked about timeline following an approval by the Village Board. Edlebeck said it would be 30 to 60 days. He didn't know if it would be finished before school starts. John Dargle asked if there was available funding for the project. Edlebeck said he would sit down with Village management staff to confirm.

*John Dargle moved to recommend that the Village Board proceed with the installation of a hand-operated, solar-powered flashing crosswalk warning sign system at the current Palisades Drive crossing of Lake Drive. Trustee Serebin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.*

**IV. Review and Possible Recommendation on the preferred location of the proposed Lake Drive Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at Palisades Drive/Bartlett Avenue as a part of the 2020 DOT HSIP Lake Drive Safety Grant Project**

Public Works Director John Edlebeck said that there was a project meeting in May to discuss various locations associated with the grant. Edlebeck described the two provided alternatives and asked for direction from the Public Works Committee. At the meeting in May, Edlebeck said he received 5 people in support of option one and 2 people in support of option two.

Tom Kindschi noted that he doesn't like mid-block crossings and supports option one. In his experience, they are less expected. Trustee Serebin asked about moving the crosswalk even further west than option two. Edlebeck stated that they need to put it in a place that it will be used. If the Village moved it west, he fears people would cross at the old location to get to the park without a crosswalk.

Edlebeck and Trustee Serebin discussed who owns the adjacent property. John Dargle asked why the use of a Danish crossing. Edlebeck provided examples of the benefits of the crossing type.

*TREVOR DSOUZA (5001 N PALISADES RD) stated that he is in favor of option 1. He feels this option has more visibility for people driving northbound. He also likes the idea of a Danish crossing.*

Trustee Serebin moved to recommend that the Village Board move forward with preferred alternate 1. Tom Kindschi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**V. Project Updates:**

- Day Avenue Water main Relocation Project – July delivery for plans. Intent for fall construction.
- Automated Refuse and Recycling Collection Program - Anticipate July delivery and August start. Village Manager Boening noted that the Village Attorney is going to be working with the vendor to attempt to speed up delivery.
- PPII – Project has been awarded and will be starting shortly.
- Circle Drive – Will have preliminary plans shortly. The next step is to get the schedule and budget.
- Cahill Park Tennis Courts Surface Patching and Crackfilling Project - Completed. Village Manager Boening noted he will work with the school district and tennis clubs on longer-term repairs.
- Fire Hydrant Painting Project – In progress right now.
- Sidewalk Replacement Project - Summer project, will be starting shortly.
- Stormwater, Sanitary and Water Ordinance Updates – Working on updates to the stormwater ordinance right now.
- Village Hall – Moving forward quickly. Building committee and construction team continue to meet.

**VI. Next scheduled meeting – Monday, July 16, 2018, at 4 pm**

**VII. Trustee Serebin moved to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Tom Kindschi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**