

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Thiele on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Antoine (via Zoom), Coenen, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, and Thiele

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, and interested citizens.

1. **Correspondence** – none.

2. **Discussion Topics.**

a. Tenth/Metoxen Intersection and Traffic Pattern Recommendation.

As part of the design considerations for the upcoming street paving project in the Quinney/Metoxen area, a section of very narrow roadway was identified as an area of concern. An approximately 140' long curved stretch of 10th Street, from Metoxen Avenue to the alley between Metoxen and Spring Street, is currently about 18-22' wide with shrubs tight along one edge and a steep hillside on the opposite. The Engineering Department is recommending creating a one-way street for vehicles to exit from the alley or Spring Street westerly only onto 10th Street at this location. The improvements will create a safer driving lane, as well as allowing for a sidewalk installation to connect to the park. In addition to the physical street changes, we are recommending a three-way stop at the 10th/Metoxen intersection. The stop will provide safer access for pedestrians crossing to enter or leave the park and will provide better opportunity for drivers to see the "do not enter" signage for the proposed one-way section of road. Discussion held and questions answered.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to direct the Engineering Department to work with City Attorney's office to draft the appropriate ordinance update designating a one-way street for a portion of E. 10th Street, draft the appropriate updates to the Official Traffic Map for the 10th/Metoxen intersection, and forward both to Legislative Committee for consideration.
All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

b. TDS Request for Reinstatement.

Due to repeated unsafe and unacceptable construction practices, all TDS Right-of-Way permits for mainline construction were suspended indefinitely as of Friday October 13, 2023. Spriggs Construction LLC and Moreno and Sons Excavation were no longer permitted to work within the right-of-way of the city of Kaukauna. TDS was informed that to apply or re-apply for Right-of-Way permits, a formal request for reinstatement and a proposed safety management plan would be required by the city of Kaukauna. TDS has submitted several safety program documents and a formal letter to request reinstatement. The City, KU, and TDS have also conducted a reinstatement meeting to better understand what the requirements and expectations will be for the TDS Internal Construction Crews (ICC). Discussion was held and questions answered.

Paul Schultz from TDS spoke on behalf of TDS. If allowed to work within the City of Kaukauna they will be using internal employees. A different design method to eliminate road crossings will be used to reduce cuts and breaks in gas lines. If approved, they would start sometime in April.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to direct staff to work with TDS to establish a new Right-of-Way registration and to grant permits with the following conditions: All registration and permit requirements of Municipal Code section 8.06 are met, a plan for relocating TDS facilities currently in conflict with City and KU facilities is approved by the Director of Public Works, a plan for completing all hard surface and soft surface restoration from previous work is approved by the Director of Public Works, and all safety plans and communications policies presented by TDS are followed.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. Ash Tree Removal Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier provided before, during and after pictures of the Grignon Park area. Two hundred seventy-two ash trees and substantial amounts of buckthorn have been removed. The next area to be worked on will be White City Park. Last fall a replanting plan for Horseshoe Park was created with greater diversity and specific varieties included to provide desirable bird habitat and pollinator interest. The Engineering Department will be working with the 1000 Islands Naturalist, the Planning Department, the Grignon Mansion and the Street Department to produce similar plans for Grignon Park and White City Park. The City has been using DNR grant funds to help with the removal and replanting expenses so far and will be applying for a new federal funds grant program available to help provide more funding for replanting in the areas. Discussion was held and questions answered.

d. Public Works Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated the Jonen Park pavilion is coming along nicely. The roof is up and the block work is done. The Aquatic Center is moving along. The roof is almost all watertight. The Splash pad area and rental area is coming along. The archery range has new targets and target covers thanks to the hard work of our street department and collaboration on design with Combined Locks. The Street Department is also working with City Attorney's office regarding the large and irregular waste on the curb. Thirty-five properties with large and irregular items on the curb were sent a letter and the City only had to follow up with four of those residents. DOT I-41 public involvement meetings are scheduled for March 12, 13, and 14. Alders were asked to contact DPW/Eng. Neumeier for more information. Questions answered.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Eggleston, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn.

All members present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Sally Kenney

Clerk