

Birchwood Village
Roads and Streets Committee Meeting Approved Minutes
June 13, 2017 - 6:30PM

14 White Pine Lane

Present: Tom Stangl, Gene Ruehle, John Anderson, Ben Creagh, Tom Patsy
(Terry Granec traveling)

1. Approve previous minutes

May Minutes Approved and passed

2. Additions to tonight's agenda

- Snow Plowing bid request – Terry G and another volunteer tbd
- Lake Links signs and meeting
- Add Start year to name on web site
- Email and Phone contacts (for our team only, not for public)

Gene motions, Tom second, and passes

3. Public forum

No discussion

4. Old business

a. Review the repair of streets Phase II- Gene

- i. Review two bids- Clarification accepted
- ii. Start date expected July 24 - weather dependent
- iii. Pearson coupling work with White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi

b. Sheriff Data Report and Response

- i. Two Way Radar
- ii. Costs
- iii. Did not peruse due to current reduced traffic volume and speeds
- iv. Ben will revisit before winter

5. New business

- Striping considerations (Ben) (large share of tonight's meeting on this subject)

Proposal: 18 feet for vehicle traffic and No center line. Drivers would be more defensive and drive slower. Drivers would be more willing to move around pedestrians. Want to make road usable for vehicles, walkers and bikers.

Responses:

Tom S- hesitates to make drivers more defensive on road. Worried about people hitting

each other on road. Suggested moving centerline offset and create a master path on one side of road. We have noted reduced speeds noted from Sherriff am not ready to take any other action in the name of safety or reducing speeds. In fact feel we are at the point we should pause and declare victory, for bringing speeds down and increased safety for pedestrians, bikers and other drivers.

Gene- push out final decision until August to observe how everyone feels driving, walking and biking after chip sealing.

John A- Opposed to removing center or increasing width beyond existing blacktop, worried about reducing lane width, we are already at 9 feet, and if we narrow to 8 feet could create additional safety issues.

Tom P- should either take out center line, or set street width. Prefer having center line but would consider holding striping to 9 foot lanes. Also to continue the do not pass zone provided by the double yellow line, we would have to add more signage stating do not pass if center removed.

Ben motions to 9 foot lanes with double centerline, after centerline determined. Any extra width of road goes to pedestrian traffic. Tom P seconds, committee passes.

- Comprehensive Plan feedback – no updates
- Stop sign- brush
No visual confirmation on stop signs covered by brush.
- Gene-Update on Tighe Schmitz Park.
Gravel issue being resolved, more on this next meeting.
- Mirrors at East County Line (Wildwood Ave and Birchwood Ave) [Gene]
Sight lines are obstructed turning onto E County Line
Ask Xcel to move the pole to allow for line of sight? Open issue.
- Winter Plowing Bids
Jerry Granec and John Anderson volunteered to locate 2-3 bids
Set bid plan for plowing and salting expectations
- Lake Links
Meeting on July 13th 8:00am at White Bear Lake City Hall
Gene and John may attend
- Start month and year on the website
Gene John already on website
Add: Tom Jan 2017, Ben May 2016, Tom P and Terry G April 2017
- Email and phone collection for John Anderson

Summary of recommendations for July council meeting
none

- Next Meeting August 7th
Revisit weight restriction
Large sign on 244
- Motion to close

Ben Motions to close, Tom P seconds carries 8:15pm