

Village of Whiting

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PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

- 1. Roll Call:** Brindley, Wachowiak, Coulthurst, Eiden, Walkush, Gilbert
Also present: Riberich, Walters, Schelgel, Fred (Cons Trucks rep.)
Excused: Lehner
The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Brindley

- 2. Persons wishing to address the Committee:** None

- 3. Review of current budget:** No budget was available for review

- 4. Discussion/possible action re street sign program:** Matt reported on Simple Signs. He stated that this program can do what we need to do and that the \$2000 price tag was more realistic and within our budget. Simple Signs can incorporate street signs, utilities, trees and more. There is no yearly service fee, and there is available phone support.

The committee felt Strata Point was way too advanced and the price way too high at \$11,000 and a service fee that is negotiable from \$500-\$2000 per year.

Motion by Gilbert, 2nd by Wachowiak to purchase Simple Sign and a GPS unit, not to exceed \$2300; motion passed without objection by voice vote.

- 5. Update on snowplowing:** Fred reported that there is nothing really to report, and looks forward to serving the Village in the fall. The committee was pleased with Cons Trucks service this last plowing season.

- 6. Update on public works truck:** Matt reported that the truck has been ordered as specified. The target delivery date is May 18th; then the truck goes to Monroe Trucks to have the rest of the equipment installed. Matt is hoping for an on-line date of around July. The truck is white.

- 7. Discussion/possible action re park signage:** Matt distributed examples of signs for the parks. Schmeckle Reserve said the signs should not cost more than \$500. The sign will have a display case attached to it. Walters suggested that the park rules could be posted here.

Motion by Coulthurst, 2nd by Walkush to purchase the sign at a cost not to exceed \$1000, and the expenditure shall come from the Flag Fund. Motion passed without objection by voice vote.

- 8. Update on McDill Pond Association:** Cheryl reported that there is a meeting March 30th. Walters stated the boat house is made of asbestos, and that this will take a certified contractor to clean up the mess. There is some confusion on when the pond needs to be filled.

9. Public Works Director Report: Schelgel gave his operations and maintenance report.

Some of the highlights include:

- Matt is helping with utilities
- ramping up maintenance on summer equipment
- replaced lights at Village Hall
- New summer help was hired, Daanan Grasso. He is a member of the FD

10. Tree City USA Report: Not much to report. ATC has new regulations regarding trees in their Right-of-Way. More trees will need to be removed; this will change some of the landscape of Whiting.

Matt is working on the Arbor Day celebration.

11. Such other matters as permitted by law: Chris reported that Grasso is making \$9/hour. Chris is looking for street projects and prices for spring.

The committee will start reviewing ordinances; Cheryl will distribute the ordinances that need to be reviewed.

The committee members and the Village President would like ALL Village Employees, ALL Village Board members, ALL Committee members of ALL Committees to receive ALL agendas for ALL meetings. Wachowiak pointed out that he made that request 4-5 times already and progress is modest.

Chris stated that Portage County surveyor Joe Glodowski sent a letter, asking everyone to be careful not to damage or remove any corner markers.

The Railroad will provide the Village with new signage for railroad tracks.

The water at the village hall has been fixed.

Jerry stated that there is money for the taking when it comes to renewable energy. Sara is working on this. Jerry is also working on a letter to the state requesting that a well be put in Plover for the Villages of Plover and Whiting's use. This will help with nitrates.

12. Adjourn: Motion by Wachowiak, 2nd by Eiden to adjourn. Motion passed without objection by voice vote at 6:35pm.

NO FURTHER

Recording Secretary
John Wachowiak
Village Trustee