

**Town of University Park
Public Facilities and Services Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:30 p.m. via Zoom
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order 730 pm virtually via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Caskey, Stephen, Wells, Morrissey, David Deutsch, Mayor Carey, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Beall

Mr. Deutsch began with discussion of the DPW lease. Current building is for sale, asking price \$950K. No Town consideration being given to purchase but space may be available on month-to-month lease with anticipated rent increase which is \$2700/mo. Rent has been stable for five years. Any option will likely cost more.

Town negotiating with City of Hyattsville for maintenance bay with vehicle lift. Space is secure, mechanic likes it. Lease terms being negotiated, one-year, three-year options discussed. Rent increase anticipated. Beall noted that cold storage space, perhaps 20x20 building could be built on Town land. Mentioned need for salt storage.

Some discussion on viability of DPW facility on Town land. Mayor mentioned existing information from Arnold and Arnold Study on a public works site.

Further information and discussion of this option is anticipated at future meetings

DPW Beall briefed meeting on following topics

Park Construction

- Repair/Replacement of all existing park paths have been completed.
- Adelphi Meadow—mulch path will be installed in the next 30 days.
- Beechwood Rd bridge—repairs are outstanding. An RFP is pending. Procurement will begin as soon as the RFP is completed. and 44th Ave trail and SWM— permitting is pending. A storm water offset is required for the additional impervious surface. Strong consideration is being given to removing the asphalt at the end of 43rd Ave. between the handicapped ramp and the storm water conveyance to the creek to satisfy this requirement. Engineering must be contracted for SWM design and permitting of the trail.

Committee seemed to favor this option

Park Maintenance

- Pollinator Meadow—annual mowing of the meadow is scheduled for March. Volunteer weed and seed may be done in the spring and/or fall.
- Tennis Courts—estimates have been solicited to repair a tear that has developed along the north baseline of court #1
- Tot Lot—the addition of a face to face (parent/child) swing is suggested to begin revitalizing the Tot Lot as a desirable play area for parents with children under the age of 2.
- Playground—mulch will be amended in July.

- Two staff members are currently attempting to earn a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) designation from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Additional staff members will be enrolled in NRPA playground maintenance training once new classes become available.
- Athletic Field—overwinter seeding and blanket installation appears to be having excellent results since the field was seeded in late September compared to the usual early November timeframe. Spring maintenance is scheduled for early March.

The stop work order on the path through the pollinator meadow, and the replacement with a mulch path was discussed. A new regulatory requirement from MNCPPC for that path would cost approx. \$30K in engineering/permitting costs. The matching funds from the Trail grant will also be negated. Committee supported mulch path option at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Submitted by David Caskey, Chair