

**Village of Spring Valley, Wisconsin
Municipal Development
July 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by committee Chair Lukes

Members Present: Lukes, O'Connell, Erickson

Members Absent: Emerson, (open)

Motion to approve minutes (none)

Motion (Erickson/O'Connell) to approve the agenda. Carried.

1. Path at Handy Andy Park

Ruth presented a concrete path, ~250 ft. long x 5 ft. wide, planned for HA park, that would connect the south side of the main parking lot of Handy Andy to the playground area, running immediately past the shelter area.

An additional path that was desired by some community members was also presented. The second path would be slightly longer than the first path presented, and would start at the north end of Handy Andy main parking lot, and run along the new baby tree line, closer to Hwy 29 and connect with the playground as well. This path was requested by some community members, in order to have a walking path past the lighted Xmas display in December.

After discussion, at this time it was agreed to OK the 1st path presented above. This path will provide easier excess to the shelter, as well as the playground. Fundraising would need to be done if the 2nd path was created at some point.

It was also mentioned that it would be helpful for lawn mowing, if a concrete pad would be placed under the park bench, that is located immediately south of the 2 park benches, that are currently in place by the playground. It was agreed to get a quote for this concrete pad, & if the budget allows, this concrete pad would also be done at the same time the 1st path is installed.

The bid for the 1st concrete path mentioned above, came in at \$12,625.00 from Chris Rhobe (this was the only bid; no other companies agreed to do the work, or did not return calls). The bid came in within the usual cost/sq ft for concrete work, and was fairly equal to the cost of asphalt per sq ft (per bids given previously).

The park fund has \$ 11,984.17; Municipal fund has \$3,000.

After discussion, it was agreed that \$10,984.17 would be used for the HA path project, leaving \$1000 in the HA fund, to have money available for repairs, etc.

From the Municipal fund it was decided that \$1,700 would be put toward HA path project leaving \$1,300 in Municipal account.

Motion made by Liz to approve, 2nd by Rich; approved by all.

Outcome will be brought before the Vlg Board at their next meeting in August.

2. Noted nuisance within Village proper

Concern raised regarding junk and unkept yards around town. Spring Valley had won a beautiful small town award at one point in their history; we are wanting to win that award back. Discussion on how to get the message out and motivate the public to clean up their yards, and take pride in their property. Discussed possible writing an article or series of articles in the Sun to encourage pride in each neighborhood & throughout the village. Will discuss future beautification project(s) at future meetings.

3. Intro to "Pocket Neighborhoods" – "a type of planned community that consists of a grouping of smaller residences, often around a courtyard" or common green area, "designed to promote a close-knit sense of community & neighborhood with an increased level of contact." Wanting to start thinking out of the box for future housing, even if it may be a few years down the road. Continued discussion on needs of the people in village for housing; awaiting an update of our current comprehensive plan.

4. Municipal class

Ruth is doing a free on-line class called "Strong Towns"

5. General updates

Rich gave an update on what he is researching for the Municipal Development handbook.

Adjourn: 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Ruth Lukes, Committee Chair