

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 4, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
Village Hall
740 Hillgrove Avenue, Board Room
Western Springs, IL 60558
February 7, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

Present

Chair Lewis, Member Tyrrell, Director Kelly, Director Koza

Chair Lewis moved to open committee meeting, seconded by Member Tyrrell. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Tyrrell. The Public Health and Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Member Tyrrell moved, seconded by Chair Lewis, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2023, as read. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Lewis and Member Tyrrell. Voting nay: None.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Burlington Avenue/Underpass Crosswalk Preliminary Design and Cost Estimate

Member Tyrrell asked for an overview from Village Engineer Jeff Koza.

Shortly after the underpass was opened to pedestrians, the Village was contacted regarding safety concerns at the underpass. On the Burlington Avenue side, the main concern was underpass users wishing to access Spring Rock Park did not want to walk east to cross Burlington at Central Avenue. They desired a more direct path to Spring Rock Park. Currently, the only ADA-accessible path to Spring Rock Park requires pedestrians to walk east from the underpass to Central Avenue. The Village engaged an engineering consultant, V3 Companies (V3), to prepare design plans for a new crosswalk crossing Burlington Avenue. The new crosswalk is proposed to be located just west of the underpass. During the design process V3 suggested the new crosswalk could be constructed as a raised crosswalk. The benefit of a raised crosswalk is the crosswalk itself is more visible and the crosswalk also doubles as a speed control device that requires Burlington Avenue traffic to travel at a slower rate of speed through the crosswalk location. Staff agrees with V3 that a raised crosswalk is a good fit for this location on Burlington Avenue.

There has been \$45,000 budgeted for Fiscal Year 2023 in account 4202590-62015 for these crosswalk improvements. The plan has been reviewed with the Park District staff. The final portion of the crossing will connect with the sidewalk path at Spring Rock Park.

Staff is asking for the Committee's recommendation on which type of crosswalk is desired between the raised crosswalk and an at-grade crosswalk. This Committee recommendation would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for discussion at the February 13, 2023 board meeting. Once the Board provides a consensus on which option is preferred, staff will obtain contractor pricing for the

work. If a budget amendment is needed it will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the same time the construction contract award is up for approval. Staff is planning to have a construction contract awarded in April this year so that construction could begin in May/June of this year.

Chair Trustee Lewis motions to bring the design plans, including the raised crosswalk for the Burlington Avenue/Underpass Crosswalk, to the Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Tyrell. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Other Business

Two promotions for fire staff will occur at the 2/13/23 Village Board Meeting.

5. Adjournment

Trustee Tyrrel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chair Trustee Lewis. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Partipilo

Municipal Services Analyst