

# VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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## VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM STREETScape AD-HOC MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018 - 8:00 A.M.

**Present:** Ken Nelson- Chair, John Held, Cindy Nelson, Tim Nelson, Chuck Pearson

**Staff:** Brent Bristol- Administrator, Susan Shallow-Deputy Clerk

**Guests:** Steve Eatough, Jim Peterman, Diane Taillon, Mike McCutcheon, Jim Nelson

*\* Note from Clerk, This group will make recommendations to the Board. No final decisions will be made by this body. The content of these minutes were discussion points.*

1. **Call to Order :** Meeting called to order by Chair Ken Nelson
2. **Quorum:** A quorum is present
3. **Approval of 6/26/2018 Minutes:**

**Motion per C. Nelson to approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Chuck Pearson, all ayes and motion carried.**

**Remove** John Held was absent.

4. **Changes in Agenda:** None
5. **Visitors' Comments:** Steve Eatough spoke water quality and parking. Phosphorus contamination is a problem, one of the causes is blue green algae. Phosphorus comes off the land. When we get a good rain it will go directly into the bay. Suggested a rain garden to filter the water would help address the problem. Solution may be to get a piece of property that we could for parking and a rain garden. On Hidden Springs road there is a property on Larson Lane 29 acres, primarily a Cedar swamp, and several areas of high ground right where Hidden Springs Rd meets the highway. By filtering the water before it gets to the Bay we would get a perpetual source of clean water. K. Nelson suggests the problem is the Phosphorus and perhaps Eatough and his group should appeal to the property owners to not use lawn services and reduce the phosphorus introduced into the water table. Pearson clarified that Eatough is suggesting we purchase the property mentioned.
6. **Discussion of WisDOT 42 Resurfacing Project:** K. Nelson introduced this item and turned it over to Bristol. The workshop last Thursday was well intended, 45. Bristol provided a synopsis of the project. The DOT will be starting in downtown Ephraim March 2019 as soon as weather permits. Our goal is that our culverts and the burying of utilities must be done this fall after October. The Village is working with the Bank and setting things up to start a short term note at least initially. Our Attorney is working on language for the resolution that will be required, Board review may require a special Board meeting.
7. **Discussion and Impressions of the June 28, 2018 Public Workshop:** Ken Nelson introduced this item. We have maps throughout the conference room with diagrams of the roadway, existing asphalt and where the new pavement will be. Item for discussion is a 2' vs a 4' paved shoulder.  
  
T. Nelson inquired if the money the DOT is crediting to Ephraim is based on the current asphalt. Bristol stated that we are not taking the credit of \$70,000 from the DOT because Becker advises that if we do then we have to atone to all the red tape that goes along with State and Federal loans and it will be recouped by reducing our asphalt. T. Nelson offered that the shoulder grew on the waterside due to parking and people adding gravel to accomplish that.

When Becker looked at the 4' shoulder we were within the DOT requirements and would not need any easements.

One thing to consider are safety aspects, with a hard curb and gutter emergency vehicles would not be able to go on the shoulder to get through. We want bicyclists on the road not on the pathway. If we have 4 feet that gives them a little more room to travel. This is just adding 2 more feet to the Bayside in that tight area. Committee looked at the Display Bristol provided to look at the 2' vs the 4' shoulder. Goal is to match the asphalt line. McCutcheon offered that there were 19 cars parked on both sides coming north on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, an hour later it went to 12 cars going North and 13 going south. A question concerning crosswalks and the group thinks we should go for 2 at the beach property. DOT is very controlling of crosswalks noted K. Nelson. Pearson only wants 1 crosswalk there, then everybody knows there is one spot would far more desirable and keep the parking. Consensus where we can go from the 2' shoulder to a 4' shoulder. Peterman also thinks one good crosswalk would be better. Cindy Nelson thinks a crosswalk on the south end, otherwise people will have to walk on the outside of 7 cars to get to the crosswalk, and this is both a hazard to the pedestrian as well as drivers. Held agrees with C. Nelson. We need a priority list for crosswalks added T. Nelson and work with the list and the DOT.

8. **Review of intersection/parking design options at Moravia:** K. Nelson stated AECOM gave us 2 options and he thinks that either of them help by narrowing the throat of the intersection. Option 1 still does not meet the DOT angle requirement, WISDOT would like to see it gone altogether. The homes there all have 2 driveway exists. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option was to move the intersection to the north which would get us to more of a 90 degree angle. The problem with this is the driveways, we may have to eliminate one of a properties 2. We get rid of a lot of pavement this way. The property is all Village property. One house belongs to Fest and the second Murphy. This meets the States standards. We go from a 70 degree angle to a 75 degree angle. T. Nelson thinks the first option seemed pretty good, feels we need to keep that intersection open both ways. It does work we have some problems but not a lot of problems there, it is seasonal added T. Nelson. T. Nelson inquired about speed tables ad previously mentioned by C. Nelson, the change of grade would slow people down. Committee leaning to option number 1.
9. **Review of AECOM Progress Report:** K. Nelson stated it is not in yet due to the Holiday mid-week. A drainage permit process will need to be established for connection to the stubs that will depend on what they have in their basements. Perhaps another multi committee meeting needs to happen to finalize Streetlights. K. Nelson feels we have plenty of time but we do not want any unexpected surprises. Bristol, K. Nelson and C. Nelson will meet to discuss some options and then a multi committee meeting will be called. Brief discussion of the coating and inspection process for the poles, it was suggested we have some extra poles and luminaire parts. Person inquired about funding for utility burial and how we are proceeding, Bristol replied that he is meeting with WPS and others to get this ball rolling, the end of October is not that far away added Pearson. The money has to be paid up front and it must be available. Steve Eatough commented about water quality, we must do everything we can do to not degrade the water quality no matter what it costs.
10. **Discussion regarding Moravia Street Intersection:** Addressed as part of item 7.
11. **Adjournment**

<p><b>Motion per T. Nelson to adjourn this meeting of the Streetscape AD HOC Committee, seconded by C. Nelson, all ayes and motion carried.</b></p>
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**Recorded by,  
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk**