

DATE: September 19, 2000

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: *BGM*
Brian McGownd, DDPW\ACE



SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes, PW\Parks 8/30/00

A meeting of the Public Works/Parks Committee began at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30th, 2000. Councilmembers in attendance were: Chairperson Mary Brown (Ward 4), Councilmember Barry Flachsbart (Ward 1), Councilmember Barry Streeter (Ward 2), Councilmember Mike Casey (Ward 3), Also in attendance were, Councilmember John Nations (Ward 2), Mike Herring - City Administrator, Mike Geisel - Director of Public Works\City Engineer, Brian McGownd – Deputy Director of Public Works\Assistant City Engineer, Darren Dunkle – Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Arts.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Agenda Item #1:** Councilmember Casey motioned to accept the meeting minutes of the PW\Parks Committee from July 19th, 2000, as submitted. Councilmember Streeter seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.
2. **Agenda Item #2:** Mr. Geisel described the drainage problem that currently exists along Olive Boulevard from West Drive to Braefield Drive. Mr. Geisel stated that MoDOT will design and construct the improvement and will fund one-third of the total cost which is anticipated to be not more than \$96,000. The City would fund the remaining two-thirds, which is \$66,000. Councilmember Casey asked when the project would be constructed. Mr. Geisel indicated that MoDOT would begin the design of the project after the agreement is executed and that they would seek bids in the spring of 2001. Councilmember Casey asked if anything could be done in the interim to help out the situation. Mr. Geisel stated that nothing really could be done in the interim. A resident from the Braefield Subdivision stated that construction of the project in 2001 was acceptable and that he agreed with Mr. Geisel that nothing can be done in the interim. Councilmember Flachsbart asked what design storm would be used in the design of the project. Mr. Geisel stated that MoDOT uses the 50-year design storm on all of their projects. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to recommend that the City execute the reimbursement agreement submitted by MoDOT for the Braefield Stormwater Improvement Project, and to direct Staff to prepare an ordinance authorizing same for the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**

Councilmember Flachsbart expressed concern that the City uses a 15 year 20 minute design storm for all projects and developments in the City, and questioned if the City should adopt a larger design storm. Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to ask the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group to investigate the adequacy of the 15 year 20 minute design storm. Councilmember Streeter seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

3. **Agenda Item #3:** Mr. McGownd shared with the Committee a plan, which showed a revised location of the roundabout at the intersection of Schoettler Valley and Highcroft. Mr. McGownd

explained that this location did not negatively impact the property owners on both the N.E. and S.E. corners of the intersection, however, additional right-of-way would be required from the common ground of the Bridal Creek Subdivision which is located at the N.W. and S.W. corners of the intersection. Mr. McGownd stated that the roundabout, as currently located, allowed traffic traveling northbound on Schoettler Valley to travel straight through the intersection without having to negotiate the roundabout. The revised location of the roundabout would eliminate this problem because the roundabout would physically move to the west and Schoettler Valley would be tapered, or necked down from it's current width of 38 feet to a width of only 30 feet at the roundabout. Councilmember Streeter described the meeting that was held on August 22, 2000, with himself, Councilmember Nations, Mr. McGownd and two of the trustees of the Bridal Creek Subdivision. Councilmember Streeter said that the trustees expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians that cross the intersection. They feel that the roundabout is unsafe for pedestrians, especially the children that walk to and from the swimming pool and to and from Highcroft Elementary School. Mr. McGownd shared a letter with the Committee from the Bridal Creek trustees in which they request that the roundabout be removed and the intersection be replaced to its original four-way stop intersection, due to their concern for the safety of pedestrians trying to cross the intersection. The Committee discussed the pedestrian safety issue as well as the effectiveness of the roundabout and its ability to process traffic. Mr. McGownd stated that it would cost approximately \$160,000 to install the roundabout as shown on the plan, complete with landscaping. **Councilmember Streeter motioned to remove the roundabout and put the intersection back to its original four-way stop condition. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed, 3 -1, with Councilmember Flachsbart voting in opposition.**

4. **Agenda Item #5:** Mr. Dunkle explained the Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant Proposal. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to authorize Staff to proceed and submit the grant application. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.**
5. **Agenda Item #6:** Mr. Dunkle explained the proposal for a Chesterfield Family Fun Night to be held at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex. **Councilmember Streeter motioned to authorize Staff to add Chesterfield Family Fun Night at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex to the Parks program of activities. Councilmember Flachsbart seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 - 0.**
6. **Agenda Item #7:** Mr. Geisel explained the necessity of obtaining a hold harmless agreement from a property owner prior to the owner installing a sprinkler system within the City's right-of-way, and the difficulty associated with trying to implement our current policy. Mr. Geisel stated that the Public Works Department met with Mr. Garry Earls, Director of Public Works for St. Louis County. Mr. Earls indicated that he had no problem with requiring some sort of approval from the City of Chesterfield prior to his department issuing a permit for the back-flow preventer, which is a device that is required on all sprinkler systems. Mr. Geisel explained a program, which would require a no cost permit from the City prior to a sprinkler installation company obtaining a permit from St.

Louis County. In order to obtain the permit from the City, the property owner would have to execute the hold harmless agreement. **Councilmember Streeter motioned to implement a program that would require a no cost permit from the City of Chesterfield prior to the installation of sprinkler systems within the City's right-of-way. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0.**

7. **Agenda Item #4:** Mr. Geisel explained that when Lot 1 of Twin Estates at Meadowbrook was developed the City allowed a special cash escrow to be established in lieu of constructing a sidewalk along the west side of Lot 1 which abuts Sycamore Drive. Since that time, a new development called Sycamore Cove has been approved which would extend Sycamore Drive, and which requires the developer to construct sidewalks along both sides of the extended street. A gap in the sidewalk between the new development and the existing sidewalks would be left at Lot 1. Mr. Geisel shared pictures with the Committee that shows the western side of Lot 1 and all of the trees that would have to be removed if the sidewalk were to be constructed. Mr. Geisel pointed out that even if the sidewalk were not built some of the trees would still have to be removed for construction of the extended Sycamore Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the need of sidewalks on both sides of Sycamore Drive. **Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to require the developer of Sycamore Cove to install the sidewalk along Lot 1 of Twin Estates at Meadowbrook. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion which passed, 3 –1, with Councilmember Brown voting in opposition.**
8. **Other:** Councilmember Streeter discussed with the Committee the current policy that is in place regarding charging \$30 per hour for the use of the fields at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex for team practices. Mr. Dunkle stated that the policy applies to organized practices only. He said that the policy does not apply to a father and son who want to use a field to play catch, or to other similar, non-organized situations. Mr. Dunkle also stated that the policy applies to both residents and non-residents, and that the fee covers the maintenance costs for the fields. **After some discussion the Committee reaffirmed the current policy.**

Councilmember Flachsbart motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Streeter seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4 – 0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the PW\Parks Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room.

cc: Mayor Nancy Greenwood
Department Heads/Executive Staff