

**Minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2020, 11:30am
Virtual Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kaufert, City Attorney Godlewski, Director of Public Works Kaiser, Director of Finance Easker, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese and Alderpersons Bates & Lang.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Cheslock and Council President Stevenson

Mayor Kaufert called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

MINUTES: MSC Godlewski/Kaiser to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting, all voting aye.

APPEARANCES: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Aldersperson Bates discussed the option to include a breakdown of miscellaneous account numbers and amounts for the public. Dir. Kaiser stated he generally supplies the Board with something like that mid-year and will do so again. It will be on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works:

1. Award Contract 11-20: Dir. Kaiser stated there were six bidders on this project. The project was bid with two options for trail material—concrete or asphalt. He discussed the price differences on the two options and stated staff had discussed the benefits of using concrete over asphalt, one of the benefits being cost of long term maintenance. Dir. Kaiser stated there had been some neighborhood desire for asphalt due to aesthetics.
The board discussed the rubber trail component for around tree roots in one section of the trail, the amount of prep work required for concrete vs. asphalt being less, the options and cost of dyeing the concrete to make it more aesthetically pleasing, the sidewalk link on Wisconsin Ave, the options for porous concrete compared to regular concrete and the environmental effects of each, and the potential need of more lighting along the trail.
Director Easker and Director Haese stated their yes votes regarding concrete as the chosen trail material will be made in deference to Director Kaiser and the staff recommendation, knowing the material for the trail construction is ultimately a Council decision up for Council debate. Mayor Kaufert expressed concern regarding the aesthetics and ambiance of a concrete trail and shared his desire for a more porous option to lessen environmental impact.
The Board also discussed the possibility of tourism grants to assist in funding a more aesthetically pleasing concrete option, the two trees being removed due to

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this project, the other trees being removed due to Emerald Ash Borer and other diseases, and a timeline for removing and replacing trees.


Alderson Bates requested Director Kaiser provide a memo illustrating depth requirements and other differences between the asphalt and concrete trail options as well as the color options of the rubber, asphalt, and concrete sections of this project.

He recommended approval of the low bid with concrete trail from Sommers Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$406,495.00. **MSC Kaiser/Bates to recommend to Council award Contract 11-20, Lakeshore Avenue Street Construction with concrete trail alternate to Sommers Construction Company, Inc. for the low bid in the amount of \$406,495.00; motion passes on voice vote 6-1, Mayor Kaufert voted no.**

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Kaiser/Haese to adjourn at 12:21 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie Cheslock,
Deputy City Clerk