

WEST SHORE DRIVE PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2005
10:00 A.M. – COMMUNITY CENTER

Pursuant to due notice and call, the Crosslake City Council held a public hearing at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the Crosslake Community Center for the purpose of taking public input regarding proposed road improvements to West Shore Drive. The following Council Members were present at the hearing: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Terry Curtis, Dean Eggena, Dick Phillips, and Dean Swanson. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, City Engineer Dave Reese, Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke, Public Works Director Ted Strand, General Manager Dennis Leaser, Operations Manager Jared Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach and Lake Country Echo Reporter Betty Ryan. There were approximately one hundred nine individuals in attendance (Sign in sheet attached as a permanent part of the record.)

Mayor Andolshek called the hearing to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss improvement options for West Shore Drive. Andolshek stated that Dave Reese of WSN would present three proposed options which were prepared by them. Andolshek stated that the City is in the preliminary stage of the project and is interested in hearing what the public has to say in regards to this project. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Reese.

City Engineer Dave Reese addressed the audience and thanked the attendees for coming to the hearing which resulted in a very good turnout. Reese stated that he would state the purpose of the hearing, recap activities that have occurred to date, show existing conditions of the road, review improvement alternatives, present estimated 2005 costs and take public input.

Reese stated that the City newsletter that was sent to property owners recently contained a proposal somewhat different from what he would present today.

Reese stated that the purpose of the improvement is viewed from a public safety perspective and would allow a safe route for pedestrians, bicyclists/rollerbladers and motorists. A public trail route would complete a goal of the 1996 Comprehensive Plan pertaining to transportation.

A project recap was presented by City Engineer Reese as follows:

- 1998 – aerial mapping was completed
- 1999 – public trails routes were investigated
- 2000 – a public hearing was held on June 19, 2000 for West Shore Drive
- 2004 – Right-of-Way platting was initiated
- 2005 – Right-of-Way platting was suspended
- 2005 – Public Information Meeting scheduled for July 23, 2005

Two maps on the wall were marked showing where the City has right-of-way and where the roadway lies relative to the right-of-way. The primary paving of the road took place in 1976 and an overlay was put down in 1986. Sometime between 1976 and 1986, a seal coat was applied. The major portion of the roadway lies within the City of Crosslake but 20-25% of the roadway is in Ideal Township. The road currently consists of a 19'-20' roadway with some clear zone, sunken shoulders, no drainage and extensive crack filling. Reese stated that the road is a narrow road for a multi-use road with only 9'-10' per lane. There is limited corner visibility, shoulder erosion/sedimentation and parking issues. There are on-going issues with the DNR in the area of the boat launch even though the City has attempted to limit parking in these areas. Part of the problem with the current condition of the road is that the sand base under the roadway has moved out from under the road causing deterioration of the road. Reese presented pictures along various portions of the road from North to South which showed minimal structure setback, a limited recovery zone, location of utility poles in relationship to the road, alligator cracking in the road and the numerous approaches on the north portion of the roadway. Upon construction, driveways would need to be matched with the road elevation.

City Engineer Dave Reese presented the first of three alternatives proposed for the project. Improvement Alternative No. 1 would consist of a 28' paved surface, which is what the City has adopted as a major rural roadway, with 2' paved shoulders, 5" aggregate base course and 2 layers of 1 1/2" thick bituminous. This design would bring the road up to a 7 - 9 ton roadway. The existing blacktop would be reclaimed and used for the base course.

Improvement Alternative No. 2 would consist of a 32' paved surface with 4' wide paved shoulders, 5" aggregate base course, and 2 layers of 1 1/2" thick bituminous. The 4' wide surface would only be an extended shoulder, would not be considered a bike path and would not be striped. More width would be required for a bicycle path.

Improvement Alternative No. 3 would consist of a 24' width surface with 5" aggregate base course, 2' aggregate shoulders, 2 layers of 1 1/2" thick bituminous and a separate 8' path for walking/bicycles. This would be similar to the recently constructed path along Daggett Pine Road.

Preliminary cost estimates for each Alternative was prepared by WSN. These costs include grinding the blacktop, clearing, excavation and shaping, maintaining storm water control, preparation of base, application of bituminous, 20% for soft costs (administrative, legal, engineering design and construction observation) and a 10% contingency.

The costs are as follows: Alternative No. 1 - 28 foot wide paved surface - \$1,040,000; Alternative No. 2 - 32 foot wide paved surface - \$1,160,000; and Alternative No. 3 - 24 foot wide paved surface with separated trail - \$1,270,000 (roadway - \$1,010,000 and trail - \$260,000).

City Engineer Reese thanked everyone for attending the hearing and turned the meeting over to the Mayor.

Mayor Andolshek opened the meeting for public input and requested that each person give their name and address at the microphone provided for the public.

Recap of Public Comments listed below:

Dan Biersdorf of 35368 Maroda Drive – asked if the cost estimates took into consideration right-of-way acquisition and he was told that it did not include these costs. Mr. Biersdorf asked about the previous option considered with a path on each side and City Engineer Reese stated that none of the options have been ruled out. When asked if the project would be assessed, he was told there would be no assessments for West Shore Drive, but that it would be a City paid project.

Gene Steward of 35682 West Shore Drive asked if the cost included only the Crosslake portion of the road or the entire road and Reese stated only the Crosslake portion. The Ideal Township Board of Supervisors will deal with the Ideal Township portion of the road. City Staff has met with the Ideal Board in the past and they would consider extended shoulders.

Dennis Allingham of 35770 West Shore Drive asked where the option to only resurface was and Reese stated no options have been ruled out, however to overlay would only last a few years since the base is what is deteriorating.

Gordon Haglund of 35592 West Shore Drive stated that he has lived along the road for 35 years and while the road needs improving, the residents don't need a Daggett Pine Road. He stated that the north end is okay but the trees and homes in the area are a unique neighborhood and he would not like to see a major highway. Haglund stated that the City should re-do whatever needs to be done to improve the road, but do not put in a super highway.

Allen Eliason of 35424 Maroda Drive agreed with the above two speakers that the proposed plans would alter the character of the neighborhood and wondered where the ditch would go. Reese stated that it could go on either side depending on the topography. Eliason asked to what extent the lack of grade has contributed to the deterioration of the road. Reese stated that on the South side the soils are heavier than they are on the North side of the roadway which accounts for the increased deterioration on the South side.

Rod Lewis of 35126 West Shore Drive supported the current width of the road and suggested that it be left the way it is. He does not support a bike path. He suggested tearing up the road and repaving the 20' but add more parking in the area of the boat access. He did not want the curves removed since that would mean faster speed. He feels the road is unsafe because of the walkers and rollerbladers.

Mike Blowers read a letter from Del and Marilyn Blowers residents of 35740 West Shore Drive for 61 years. The Blowers stated that the last overlay lasted 25 years and that was a good return on the investment. As to the options being proposed, they could only agree to a widening to 22' and building a detached 8' bike path.

Jack Hubbard of 35562 West Shore Drive was opposed to widening of the road and was concerned about the removal of trees.

Bonnie Julian of 35172 West Shore Drive stated she does not feel safe on the road and the further off the road she can get the better. She supported a separate walking/jogging path.

Gary Fortier of 35664 West Shore Drive stated it is a quiet peaceful road and widening it would make it a thoroughfare.

Coleen Schneider of 12481 Arrowhead Lane stated that the improvement should have happened years ago. She stated she has been forced off the road several times. She stated it is a standard roadway, not a highway and 24' would give more room. She implored the Council to please give us a safe road to drive on even if we're going 20 mph. She stated that she would hate to see a death before we say a tree is so important.

Dave Fischer of 36412 Rushmoor Boulevard asked why the bike path couldn't be put on Robert Street or Johnnie Street. He also suggested that the Council consider alternatives for the road with different designs for different areas. He encouraged putting in a bike path. He stated bike paths do not bring litter. He asked what the amount of increased traffic was and what the Council would do after taking public comment. Mayor Andolshek stated that the purpose of the meeting is to gather information and that no vote would be taken at the end of the day.

Karl Skog of 34617 Arrowhead Trail stated that the area is growing and the traffic is increasing and this brings the threat of more accidents. He doesn't want to lose trees either, but feels the road is unsafe and wouldn't want to see someone killed. Preserve the character of the neighborhood but put in a separate bike path.

Jeff Kittleson of 34350 Sunrise Boulevard stated that the completion of Daggett Pine Road occurred last fall and several inadequacies were evident with the road flooding over because ditches were full of water, re-grading had to take place, and the water had to be pumped out of the ditches because of poor drainage. How much additional cost and effort did it take to fix this road and who paid for it? He also asked who paid for the grading of the church parking lot.

Steve Enck of 35822 West Shore Drive stated that his residence is very close to the road leaving no room for a bike trail. He has great concerns with widening of the road and thinks there are two parts, a southern part and a northern part. They are two very different roads.

Virginia Merrill of 12340 Brookwood Circle stated that people come around curves and take more than their share of the road. Can a yellow stripe be put on the road until the road decision is made.

Mr. Phillips of 35724 West Shore Drive asked if the cost could be shared with the power company and asked what happened to the money that has been put aside for improvement to this road. He also asked why ditches were needed when the area is sand. City Administrator Swenson stated that approximately \$400,000 has been set aside to reduce the cost of financing the road. Regarding Crow Wing Power, they are waiting for the City to do something just like Crosslake Communications. Mr. Phillips stated that in Year 2000 this project was underway, yet nothing has happened. Phillips stated a bike trail is needed. Swenson stated that the City has been working on a right-of-way plat for the past two years and there are legal issues involved with this. Phillips stated again that he supports a bike trail, but not a super highway.

Bruce Rickert of 12360 Brookwood Circle asked what happened to the 22' proposal. City Engineer Reese stated that 22' is not being ruled out, but that the City has adopted a road standard of 24' for this type of roadway. Mr. Rickert stated that he would like to see West Shore Drive as a private road for property owners, that the ramp area needs improving, and doesn't see widening beyond 22' as an option. He did like the idea of a bike path.

Monte Miller of 35738 West Shore Drive stated they are really restricted in their area and share a well and drainfield with neighbors. It was stated that a lot of Norway's would be lost in any widening. They have owned the property since 1945 and have seen the road change from a two rutted road to what it is today. Miller stated that they walk and bike and know that it is unsafe, but feels widening will make it worse. Miller supported widening the road some and adding a bike path. Miller asked if there were plans to put sewer along West Shore Drive and Mayor Andolshek stated there is no plan at this time for sewer.

Bob Kvam of Crosslake stated that he has been here since 1980 and has been trying to get trails through the system. He stated it is a safety issue and would like to see the road restored with a narrower road but with the addition of a bike trail removed from the road.

John O'Keefe of 35784 West Shore Drive asked who started this project and he was informed the City Council. He stated that Wannebo's trucks are the worst abusers of the road and if they were prohibited from using the road, 90% of the heavy traffic would go away. If the road is widened, ATV's will ruin the path. Municipality's have the right to restrict, but there's no enforcement. I want radar and better coverage by the Police on this road. The only parking problem is in the area of the boat landing, so use shuttle buses. There is another area on Johnnie Street owned by the City. Lets spend \$200,000 of the reserves to improve that area. O'Keefe stated that he is against the project, but would like a bike trail put in.

Mr. Poe, address unknown, was concerned about the lack of police patrol on the road. He stated this is used as a shortcut to Ideal. He stated that he has a special needs child and would like to see more enforcement. He asked the Council to make a good decision and listen to the people.

Ruth Hoag of 35067 West Shore Drive stated that she is an off lake resident along West Shore Drive and also feels there is a safety issue. She stated that she has offered her driveway to the Police Department to use. She has lost mail boxes several times due to damage from cars and feels the south section is the most unsafe section of West Shore Drive. She made reference to the newsletter article which referenced a tot lot and feels that due to the amount of boat and vehicle traffic, any excess area should be used for parking space. Hoag stated that she hasn't heard of any pedestrian accidents only car accidents on this road. Mayor Andolshek commented that the DNR has purchased additional property which they are planning on improving in order to add additional parking in the area of the boat launch.

Mayor Andolshek stated that the City has received several letters from property owners which he read into the record. Letters were received from: Jerry and Helen Anne Nyberg of 12368 Brookwood Circle, Irv & Shirley Knowlen of 35697 West Shore Drive and Tom & Bonnie Carroll of 12388 Brookwood Circle. These are in addition to the letters read during the meeting from Del & Marilyn Bowers and Jeff Kittleson.

Dene Carney of 36109 West Shore Drive stated that his area is a raceway for West Shore Drive. Straightening isn't going to help. Carney also owns property on the South side and he doesn't want to see this area turned into a raceway as a result of any improvement.

Tom Swenson of 36036 West Shore Drive stated that it is a raceway. He trailers a boat to the access and it is an unsafe road. When people are pulling cigar boats and pontoon boats, a 20' roadway is too narrow. He supported striping the road and stated he doesn't care if the road is widened or only overlaid but speed will increase with new pavement and the Council should look at installing stop signs at Robert Street, Maroda Drive and Duck Lane. He stated that three stop signs would slow down the traffic considerably and keep West Shore Drive from becoming a bypass to avoid the congestion on County Road 66 and 3.

An unknown resident addressed the Council and asked what the public has given the Council today. Can restrictions be put on boats traveling along the road? He supported a narrow road with a bike trail added.

Mike Dwyer of 12521 Arrowhead Lane asked if a new roadway 20' in width could be constructed. Reese stated that it wouldn't address runoff and the water will deteriorate the roadway.

Karl Skog again addressed the Council and asked that the Council not put a band-aid on an old road. He stated that the road is in rough shape.

Ruth Hoag again addressed the Council and requested that they work in conjunction with Ideal Township to make the entire road from #103 to the end a good road.

Mayor Andolshek thanked the public for their attendance at the meeting and stated that the comments will be very helpful in the Council's gathering of information.

At 11:45 A.M. the public hearing was adjourned.

Recorded and respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene J. Roach".

Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING
 WEST SHORE DRIVE PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
 10:00 A.M. - COMMUNITY CENTER
 SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jay Andolshek	34899 County Rd 3 ^{Crosslake}	218 692-3966
Tom Swenson	36036 W. SHORE DR	692-4330
Ken Anderson	14526 Wildwood Dr, Crosslake	692-1492
Barlene Roach	City Hall	692-2688
Dean Swanson	Crosslake	692-2688
David Reese	WSN	829-5117
John + Mabel Hernandez	34092 Mallard Way	692-3910
Clymond Hager	11770 CROSS AVE CROSSLAKE	692-2260
Betty Egan	ECHO Publishing	568-7317
Bob + Karen Garland	35644 W. Shore Dr.	692-2764
Pete Agler	34447 JUCK LAKE	692-3892
Sandy + Allen Elson	35424 maroda Drive	692-3109
John Antos	35744 West Shore	692-3287
Kay Antos	"	"
Katie Antos-Ketcham	"	"
MONTE MILLER	35738 WEST SHORE DR.	692-4722
MARIO MILLER	" " "	
Del Blowers	35740	692-2457
John ANTOS	35744	692-3287
Mike Winkels	35844 Robert Ln	692-1406
GARY FORTIER	35664 West Shore Dr	692-2062
John O'Keefe	35784 Westshore Dr.	692-4060
Xan Schoneman	33992 SANDRIS ISLAND RD	692 1263
Kathy Millard	35712 W. Shore Dr	692-3577
Marlyn Schuman	33992 Sandris Is. Rd	692-1263
MIKE + DEBBIE DWYER	12501 ARROWHEAD LANDS	692-1829
Markus E. Swin	35765 W. SHORE DR	692-2363

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Doree Dechi / Helen	35386 Maroda	692-4113
Phyllis Fortier	35664 W Shore Drive S	692-2062
Ruth Hoag	35067 W Shore Dr	692-3403
Ed FRERR	" "	" "
DENNIS ALLINGHAM	35770 W. SHORE DR	692-2205
Mrs Susan Phillips	35724 W. Shore Dr.	692-3271
WAYNE/JUDY NORCKEN	35731 W SHORE DR	692-1609
Pat Rita Morgan	35382 Maroda Dr	692-2826
DICK/SHARON KEISTER	35006 West Shore Dr.	692-3388
Verda/Len Beagist	35620 " " "	" - 3355
DAVE FISCHER	36412 BUSHMOOR BLVD	692-1869
Ala Margaret Olson	34329 Durk Lane	692-3584
Kenney Clark	34954 Sunrise Inl Rd.	692-2278
EARL FULLER	14821 River Bluffs Rd.	682-1682
Jean Mary Brodil	35518 W Shore Dr	692-2066
Jimz: Paul Balley	358 -- MARODA DR	692-3794
RYN BIERSPORF	35868 - Maroda	
William Kuhn	35423 - W. Shore Dr	692-1881
Javel Johnson	32175 Northwood Lane ^{Area 27}	692-2777
Dennis Palm	PO BOX 855	692-2918
Bob Mattson	36120 Timavack Rd.	692-5130
Rita-Jan Ingle	33566 Lake St	692-2738
Donna Nielsen	35530 West Shore Dr.	692-1129
Don Watta	35184 West Lane Dr	692-2339
Cress Jacobs	12402 Brookwood Circle	692-4256
Bob Jacobs	12402 Brookwood Circle	692-4256
Bob	35126 WESTSHORE DR.	692-3970

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Andy + Marilyn Haglund	35592 West Shore Dr.	692-3280
Mike Cartie	35800 " " "	692-4343
Janice + Virginia Moberg	34649 Arrowhead Trl	692-4821
Jack K. Lightfoot	35502 West Shore	692-2042
Steve + Nancy	36109 W. Shore Dr	692-4598
Mike + Lisa Lynch	34288 Sierrona Blvd.	692-2526
Marion + Bob Wincham	34006 Sunrise Dr. Rd.	692-3238
Tom + Patricia Julian	35172 West Shore DR	692-4257
Melody + James Shaff	35346 Maropa Dr	692-2363
Cindy Holden	13580 Daggell Pine Road	692-3774
STEVE ENCK	35822 West Shore Dr	952 925 2386
Henry + Glenda Rivers	34990 West shore drive	692 4054
Dean Eggen	14995 Daggell Pine Road	692-4189
Bill + Jo	12354 Sunboc Dr	692-1583
Tim + Olga McShuro	34251 West Shore Dr	692-5334
Jane Staal	34275 West Shore Dr.	
BOB BAKER	35430 West Shore Dr	692 4424
Wilma Steward	35682 W. Shore Dr.	692-3782
Gene Steward	" " "	" "
KEN + VIRGINIA MERRILL	12340 BROOKWOODS CIRCLE	692-2203
Phyllis Vrem	34150 - Sunrise Blvd	692-3832
JOHN PRIBYL	33557 Lake St.	692 5214
KARL SLOC	34617 34617 ARROWHEAD TR	692 4883
TERRE ARTIS	PO Box 194	692-1100
Steve Roe	Crosslake	692-3331
Jim Trebelhorn	Crosslake	692-2792
Bob KVAM	"	612-850-6378

