PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CROSSLAKE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1999 6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, February 8, 1999 at 6:30 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Darrell Swanson, Donna Keiffer, Chuck Miller and Dean Swanson. Councilmember Richard Upton arrived at approximately 6:40 P.M. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Attorney Paul Sandelin, City Engineer Dave Reese, Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach and approximately eleven individuals in the audience. (List of attendees included with these minutes.)

Mayor Swanson opened the public hearing and turned the meeting over to City Engineer Dave Reese who distributed handouts to the audience. City Engineer Reese stated that the project is proposed as a reconstruction of Daggett Pine Road from the intersection of County Road #66 to the intersection of Wilderness Trail Road for a total length of 5675 feet. The proposed width of the bituminous surface will be extended to 24 feet with 2 feet of ditching, if possible. A bike path is proposed for the north side of Daggett Pine Road and would connect with the bike path on Country Road #66 via a crossing. He stated that two options for the bike path were being considered with safety being the primary concern. Option 1 proposes an adjoining bike path to Daggett Pine Road and Option 2 proposes a separated bike path along the north side of Daggett Pine Road.

Councilmember Miller asked if there was a way to obtain easements to separate the bike path from the roadway. City Engineer Reese stated that their recommendation would be for the City to purchase right-of-way. Councilmember Miller asked if the City could obtain easements and then designate the property for use as a bike path. City Attorney Sandelin stated that language could be included in an easement which stipulated that if the property was no longer used as a bike path, the property would revert back to the property owner. City Engineer Reese stated if an easement was used, the property owner would own land on both sides of the bike path. City Administrator Swenson stated that the bike path would be used for more than bicyclists so designating its use as only a bike path would be difficult.

Mayor Swanson asked if the current high and low spots in the roadway would be corrected during the design process. City Engineer Reese stated the roadway would be cut down and filled in as needed.

The hearing was open to the public for comments.

Bob Wiebke asked if curbing would be installed and City Engineer Reese stated that it could be installed in some areas to assist with the drainage or provide a separation from the driving lane.

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Ilene Wiebke commented that she felt the bike path should be placed alongside the roadway and couldn't see it winding between the trees.

Cindy Holden, who owns nine acres west of the Community Center, stated that she would lose one potential lot if the City acquired additional right-of-way versus obtaining an easement for the bike path.

Red Knutson stated that if the bike path were separate from the roadway, snowmobilers would be using his yard. He did, however, agree that bike paths were needed for kids safety.

Irene Schultz, who owns a lot along the proposed bike path, asked if the setback requirements would be changed. Teri Hastings commented that if the property for the bike path is obtained through an easement, the property owner wouldn't lose land, but if the right-of-way is purchased, the property owner may not have enough property to meet the setbacks on new construction.

Red Knutson asked what each option would cost. City Engineer Reese stated that the estimate for a bike path adjoining the road would be \$50,000 to \$55,000 assuming a curb separation. The cost for a detached bike path would be \$30,000 to \$35,000. It is estimated that the cost to purchase right-of-way would be approximately \$8000 which includes property currently owned by the City.

City Administrator Swenson stated that several members of the Public Works Commission were in attendance at the hearing. The Commission members will be reviewing the information presented at this hearing at their next Public Works Commission meeting. The Public Works Commission will bring a recommendation to the City Council.

Red Knutson asked if any consideration was given to putting the bike path on the south side of the road. City Engineer Reese stated that there are a number of utilities located on the south side and a significant amount of clearing would need to be done. Another concern with using the south side would be where to place a crossing in order to get to the Community Center. Red Knutson felt it would be better to put the bike path through Old Log Landing to Miller Lane.

There being no further input from the public, <u>MOTION PH2-01-99 WAS MADE BY</u> <u>CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RICHARD UPTON TO ADJOURN THIS</u> <u>PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.</u>

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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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