

City of Galesville
Streets and Sidewalks Committee
Minutes
1/29/25

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlson at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Carlson, Redsten and Larson. Also present, Mayor Tom Thatcher.

Staff present: DPW Director Todd Pederson and Chief Paul Evenson.

Public present: Carol Schaller, Jennifer Schaller, Diane Thatcher, Jesse Swing, Rob Grover, Dick Sacia, Kari Schulz and Tory-Kale Schulz.

Carlson certified open meetings law had been complied with for posting of the agenda.

Motion by Redsten, seconded by Larson to approve minutes of 1/8/2025. Motion carried.

An extended conversation ensued regarding possible changes that could be made to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the downtown area. Concerns were expressed regarding eliminating parking spots. Chair Carlson said his biggest concern was the two parking spots located on the northbound side of Main Street between the pharmacy and Coulee Boutique. Carlson said when cars are parked in those two spots, it's difficult for traffic to see pedestrians who may be crossing at that corner, and it makes it hard for pedestrians to see traffic travelling north approaching that intersection.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Redsten to eliminate parking spot #2 (as identified on the map provided in the committee packet) and to make parking spots #4 and 5 Disabled Parking only. Motion carried.

Carlson will reach out to WisDOT to check on whether speed can be reduced in the downtown area, what kind of pedestrian crossing signage could be used downtown and what the process would be for creating "bump-outs" at the corner of Gale Avenue and Main Street.

Discussion was held regarding the large pine tree in Horseshoe Park and whether it created a traffic hazard by reducing visibility. No action was taken.

No update on the West Ride Avenue retaining wall design.

Plans for flowers/banners in the downtown area were discussed. No action was taken.

The concrete debris that is currently on city-owned property along Hwy 54/93 across from Mill Road (old dump) was discussed. Chair Carlson asked DPW Director Todd Pederson to come up with a cost estimate for a gate that could be put in place to prevent access to the site by individuals who might dump debris there. The site is already signed "no dumping".

Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.