

GLA Road Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday Mar. 13, 2024
Phone-in meeting only

Committee members present: John Carp, Doug Gill, Jack Sutton, Scott Stomieroski, Walter Wunsch, Neil Kremer

Committee members absent: Linda Kremer.

Landowners' phone-in: None

Meeting called to order by John at 7:05 pm.

1. The committee reviewed the upcoming spring road maintenance schedule. North has \$39,000 budgeted and South \$48,000. The goal is to spend approximately half for each in spring and half in the fall. John to contact Standish for road condition assessment for North and Walter for South over the next couple of weeks. Work to start in mid-April after bids are approved.
2. Capricorn repair site. There is a frost upheaval section that has lost the top asphalt surface. A repair has been approved for \$2900. Repair has not been completed yet. Work will be done on the site as conditions allow.
3. Review driveway culvert size requirement. 6" or 8" culverts have been found to clog more often. Standish has recommended 12" culverts to improve drainage. Walter motioned and Jack seconded to require 12" culverts for driveways as part of project requirements. Motion passed unanimously. Requirement to be added to the driveway project application form upon Board consent approval.
4. Private roads policy and long term planning: The committee will meet in-person at Walter Wunsch's business facility in May or June, date to be determined. An in-depth review will be carried out, with recommendations coming forth for long term planning and the private roads maintenance policy.
5. Roadside weed spraying. Linda Kremer was to pursue the project, but she has not been able due to other commitments. There have been proposals to seek landowner input before spraying. Walter noted most landowners don't live on primary road easements, where the spraying will be done. Walter Wunsch will inquire with his neighbors regarding spraying. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
6. Extensive Discussion on safety issues on Gemini Hill and subsequent widening. There have been two close encounters on the steep and narrow Gemini Hill recently with slick snows, which brought the issue to the fore again. There has been previous discussion on widening Gemini hill which would cost the GLA \$32,000. Many views pro and con were exchanged. John and Doug, who live on Caspari at the top of Gemini Hill, sited safety issues with the increased traffic due to new developments, and the need for GLA to maintain platted roads. Scott stated that he is not aware of any GLA precedent for using general GLA maintenance funds for low road density improvement projects and that he did some research to verify his ~25 year GLA recollections as well. Scott viewed improvement funding differently than maintenance/upkeep and also mentioned the board commitment to stay on budget in 2024 and that Doug had already voiced that he thought the existing road budget was inadequate for the base maintenance needs and he agreed. On this basis, Scott didn't think it was fair for the entire GLA to fund the Upper Gemini widening improvement project and that we should advise only the impacted landowners to consider to fund the project.

Walter motioned and Jack seconded to approve widening the hill for \$32,000 by Standish. Yes votes: John, Walter, Jack, Doug, Neil. No vote; Scott. After the vote, further discussion ensued on the project cost with Scott again saying landowners should pay for the widening. Walter advised canvassing the landowners on Gemini hill for donations, to pay for at least part of the widening. John said this sets a precedent for other low density roads' residents to pay for their road work. Walter then withdrew his motion. No further discussion. The issue was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm. John Carp North Road Chair