

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Parks Committee Meeting
January 8, 2007

Subject to review and approval

Attendance: Lori Brown, Kathie Brock, Nancy Heiden, Libby Lewis, and Jeannie Roberts
Georgene Stratman, Roma Lenehan, Corey George, Tom Young, and Sue Denholm.

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm.
Notice complied with open meeting laws.
Minutes were amended and approved.

1. **Winter Public Education Workshops:** The committee discussed plans to hold 4 community education workshops on topics of plant disease and the regeneration of the forest. Corey will work on the schedule and the group decided to pursue similar publicity as last year via papers and area garden clubs.
2. **Community Forest Management Plan:** The group discussed the possibility of a survey and they moved to the question of what the goals of this effort are. It seems important to education the community about the importance of and cost of renewing the forest and even to a basic understanding of the definition of a community forest and the role of public and private trees, parks and street trees within it. Types of trees, path clearing strategies and gardening strategies that retain the wooded character could all be discussed. There is a need to integrate this with efforts such as stormwater planning and also to find out community preferences on things like burying wires etc. A visioning process like the one that was used for the entryway was recommended. Libby and Sue offered to work on this with Corey, who would also monitor progress in Village initiatives and make sure that the Parks perspective was included as appropriate.
3. **Gypsy Moth Update:** Corey has done a lot of spraying of egg masses and is working with Dane county to address this problem. There is a tree in the Schoolyard that has a particularly bad infestation and should be taken down because of its poor condition. Corey will try to get this done in the proper way so that further spread does not take place.
4. **Bradley Park:** In keeping with the committee's ongoing review of Village Parks according to the Park plan Bradley Park was reviewed. Lori Brown read what was in the plan and asked for suggested updates or amendments. Some residents want to clear honeysuckle and to consider putting trees at the top. This should be discussed with adjacent neighbors so that all may participate in planning. Corey will explore the scope of this and potential for cost-sharing if these is a desire to go forward.
5. **Forester's Report:** Distributed and reviewed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.