

**VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS**  
**Parks Committee Meeting**  
**April 2, 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 Marilyn January.

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm.

Notice complied with open meeting laws.

Minutes for our most recent meeting was (January 2007) deferred to next meeting.

1. **Shorewood Entryway:** Libby Lewis brought Ken Saiki's landscape design for the entryway to the attention of the committee. She feels that the design has some very good features and should be brought to the attention of the Board so that it can be considered as part of an integral planning effort that would combine stormwater plans with landscape plans. The committee discussed the idea further and felt that they would like Karl to make the Board aware of the plan at the April Meeting and to present the plan to the Board in May when stormwater plans would likely also be under consideration. The Parks Committee would like to be included in the planning and review process in an integral way, and would like to ask the Board to look for opportunities to include installation and maintenance of landscaping in stormwater and street repair plans where possible. Libby suggested that the Saiki plan, or plans that develop based on it could be implemented in a phased fashion, which would be easier to budget.

2. **Urban Forestry Management Plan:** The initial discussion of this plan resulted in favorable comments with the group appreciating the concrete goals/outputs that are set forth. The group had a good discussion about the liability a forester can incur when giving advice to neighbors about trees. Corey would like to confirm that he is covered by Village liability insurance when he is in this role. He also asked the group for guidance about the extent and depth of this type of consultation. The group advised that this is an oral consultation and that when neighbors want more details and documentation Corey should refer them to an arborist who can provide those services for a fee.

Another comment on the plan was that it should be made clear what entities have responsibilities for planning and implementation (administrator, Parks Committee, Board) and what their respective roles are.

Another issue discussed was the need for public education regarding what happens when a Village tree near the edge of your property is removed because of death or damage. The Village would like to replace these trees in most cases, and in instances where residents do not want a replacement tree discussion and resolution should be sought. The committee felt that an article to remind neighbors of the value of trees and the Village right to plant in these areas would be helpful. Since the budget for new trees is already spent, this can wait til next year.

The plan will be discussed in more detail next month.

3. **Madison Gas and Electric:** Corey presented a draft resolution thanking MG&E for their dedication to enhancing our urban forest. The Committee approved the resolution unanimously. Corey will have Karl bring this before the Board.

4. **Forester's Report:** The following items were highlighted in relation to the forester's and plans for next month.

- Arbor Day Celebration – 4-6 trees will be planted again this year. The event will be modeled on last year's award winning program.
- Corey is exploring spraying selectively for garlic mustard. Pulling is still the main strategy in the Village because of cost and effectiveness, but there are selected areas where Corey would like to spray.

5. The Committee **thanked Lori Brown** for her service as trustee and for her "aggressive and efficient" chairing of committee meetings. The Committee also **thanked Corey George** for the excellent education program that was carried out in February. Attendance was high again this year and the presentations were really thorough and interesting.

6. **Other Items:** In follow up to the ordinance passed last year to prohibit glass at the boathouse and marina the committee requested that Signage be changed to say "No Glass." Lori Brown will e-mail Karl about this request.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm.