

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Parks Committee Meeting
January 14, 2008

Subject to review and approval

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 5:36 pm by Tim Ridders. Members present: Kathie Brock, Nancy Heiden, Roma Lenehan, Jeannie Roberts, Georgene Stratman, Tom Young. Also present Forester/Horticulturalist Corey George, Sue Denholm (Garden Club) and resident Bob Falk.
2. The meeting was properly posted. **Minutes** from 12/10 were read and amended.
3. **Memorial Policy:** Corey invited Bob Falk (Forest Products Lab) to share his knowledge about making rustic benches from village wood-especially black locust and white oak which are very durable. Bob has equipment to mill and is offering to craft benches for the Village. Benches would have few pieces, require some stainless steel bolts and last a good 10 years, more likely 20. Bob explained that fiber plastic composites can get hot in the sun and bend with great heat. Nancy is still trying to find out source/cost of composite bench by Trader Joe's for more formal areas. Group then discussed possible donation structure which could be suggested to residents as memorial gifts. Corey showed Middleton information on same which is available on line. For all donations given this way, committee plans to commemorate donors/honorees with plaque to be located in Village Hall rather than out in parks.
4. **Garlic Mustard Event** is being planned for Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Tim hopes to find 8 lead "pullers" to organize in areas around the Village. Each group would gather at end of afternoon for barbeque. Bags for pulling can be made available for pick up ahead of time. Tom will ask Marilyn VH to begin keeping list of garlic mustard "hots spots" and help Corey track who he sends notices each year. She has offered to help with this in the past.
5. Next **Marina Clean Up** of invasive plantings will take place April 5, 2008 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and will conclude with grill brought down to marina at end of day complements of Blackhawk Country Club. Tim talked with Paul Anthony there. Jeannie will talk with Johnny who is in charge of regular marina clean up later in spring to explain purpose/timing of beautifying area.
6. **Winter Workshops** will be Wednesday, March 12, 2008 with DNR presentation on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and gypsy moths. March 6, 2008 with Olbrich Director of Horticulture, Jeff Epping on pruning and a third program possibly February 27, 2008 around landscaping with attempt to encourage some Village businesses especially with regards to tree planting in anticipation of EAB.
7. **Boundary Tree Policy** was discussed briefly. Many other municipalities deal with boundary trees tree by tree as we do. Group will think more about specific guidelines to help streamline decision making process, but are not eager to create policy at this time.
8. **Forester's Report:** While many tree removals are reported at this time of year, Corey noted costs are lower for this year and that much planting takes place at other times of year which he thinks offsets number of removals.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Denholm