

**Recreation Committee Minutes
Village of Shorewood Hills**

Monday, July 25, 2016
Old Village Hall/DPW Building, 1008 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 7:28 by committee chair Anne Readel.
 - a. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Gloria Beach, Santhia Brandt, Lucy Richards, and Anne Readel. Village Administrator Karl Frantz and Melissa O’Russa were also present.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
 - c. **Approval of Minutes.** No minutes were submitted for approval.
2. **Shorewood Hills Elementary Playground.** Village resident Melissa O’Russa informed the Committee about the Shorewood Hills Elementary School playground fundraising efforts that are currently underway. Residents have begun fundraising for a new natural playground that is accessible to all needs. Installation will be staggered to coincide with funds available. The group has currently raised \$20,000, which will be used to install some new play structures this month. The group is trying to raise an additional \$60,000 for more improvements next summer.
3. **Post Farm Park Playground.** Lucy informed the Committee that a 6’ hollow log will be donated for a play structure in the Park.
4. **Old Village Hall Use.** The Firehouse Library had a successful opening on June 8. Santhia has continued to get more bookshelves and book donations. There have been some challenges in informing residents when the library is open and obtaining volunteers. Santhia believes that it may be easier to get volunteers during the school year when schedules are more consistent. The library has currently only been open on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm. In this 1.5 hour shift, Santhia estimated that residents were taking approximately 10-20 books per shift and that between 3 and 12 residents visited the library per shift. The Committee discussed potentially opening the library for story times or free events (like an art show, guitar lessons, yoga) during the fall.
5. **Board Facilities Work Session.** The Committee discussed the upcoming Board Facilities Work Session and provided some individual feedback regarding the Community Center. Santhia stated that she would like the Community Center to remain adjacent to the pool as many people schedule their summers around tennis, swim team, and other activities that are held at Post Farm Park. Lucy stated that the Four Corners program needs space in the event of severe weather, which would ideally be a community center since the DPW is not appropriate for child activities. She also stated that the Community Center should be more accessible, needed air conditioning, adequate parking,

and a functional kitchen. Gloria stated that the impact on traffic from a new community center would need to be carefully considered as increased traffic could pose safety issues for people at the pool and nearby residents.

- 6. Future Agenda Items.** The Committee recognized that it has been difficult to get volunteers for the Four Corners and Land Rec programs. The Committee discussed the need to consider how we should run our summer programs in the future. One alternative to the current structure is to increase fees and hire outside directors and counselors. If fees increased, however, the programs may need to provide more scholarships for children who could not otherwise afford to attend.
- 7. Adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.