

Village of Shorewood Hills Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes (Approved at September 6, 2022 meeting)

Monday, July 11, 2022 - 5:30 pm

Location: Four Corners Park

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Chair Barford.
 - a. **Roll Call:**
 - i. **Committee Members:** Chair Carol Barford, Roma Lenehan, Nancy Heiden, Kathie Brock, David Boutwell, Jeremy Rogers.
 - ii. **Others in Attendance:** Garden Club liaison Mary Janet Wellensiek. Village Forester Adam Lohrmann was excused.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** C. Barford confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.
 - c. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by N. Heiden, second by K. Brock, to approve the draft Parks Committee minutes from June 6, 2022, with a minor correction. Motion passed (5-0-1 abstention by J. Rogers).
 - d. **Minute Taker:** D. Boutwell volunteered to take minutes at this meeting.
2. **Foresters Report.**
 - a. A copy of the monthly Forester's Report for July 2022 was emailed to the Parks Committee prior to the meeting.
 - b. D. Boutwell raised several questions concerning noxious weed control and our current policy on enforcement. The Committee discussed the Forester's extensive list of weeds currently being targeted for removal throughout the Village. C. Barford will contact the Village Administrator and Forester to request a review of the Village Ordinance on Noxious Weed Control, including 1) List of Prohibited Weeds, 2) List of Noxious Weeds, 3) Appointment of a Weed Commissioner as required by the ordinance.
 - c. "Word of the Woods." The Committee endorses the continuation of our long-running tradition of including seasonal reminders and articles of interest from the Forester, and Committee members, in the monthly Village Bulletin. R. Lenehan volunteered to submit an article for an upcoming edition.
 - d. Community Forestry Management Plan - Project Proposal Update. A. Lohrmann is in consultation with Brian Wahl at the Wisconsin DNR regarding the grant application process. One important step will be passing a resolution by the Board, as this is a cost-sharing grant. The deadline for submission is October 1, 2022.

Motion by K. Brock, second by N. Heiden. The Parks Committee recommends the Board provides matching funds for the Community Forestry Management Plan project proposal as requested by the Village Administrator and Village Forester. Motion passed (5-0-0, J. Rogers having been excused at that point).

3. **Sunset / Viburnum Triangle.** A listening session was held on Monday, June 6, at 5:30 pm with nearby residents of the Sunset / Viburnum intersection to discuss maintenance and management ideas for the large, wooded triangle area, which is a Village right-of-way. The consensus among residents is to maintain the current street layout with a focus on preserving and restoring the triangle area's native trees and plant communities. The committee concluded that the triangle area should be explicitly included in any update to the Community Forestry Management Plan, to facilitate land management according to the Plan's stated goals.
4. **Parks Committee Vacancy.** Village resident Bruce Allison has indicated his interest in serving on the Parks Committee. The Parks Committee endorses his appointment.
5. **August Meeting Date.** The committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, August 9 at 5:30pm.
6. **Announcements, Questions and/or Consideration Items for Future Agendas:** The group has identified the following future agenda topics:
 - Planning for vegetation management at the Lake Mendota Drive bridge project
 - Community Forestry Management Plan grant process - update
7. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by D. Boutwell, July 12, 2022