

AGENDA FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS PARKS COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:30pm
Location: Virtual via Zoom

Parks Committee Purpose

The Village Parks Committee shall: review the maintenance and improvement of parks and other land owned by the village, plantings, replacement plantings, trimming of trees and other vegetation, and the protection of vegetation, and landscaping improvements for the beautification of the village. The parks committee shall also aid in the screening of candidates for positions such as horticulturist and parks manager and the assistant to the horticulturist. The committee shall also review the activities of the village forester and horticulturist and advise residents on the care of trees, plants, and plant disease.

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1. Call to order
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Note compliance with open meetings law
2. Approve September 6, 2022 meeting minutes
3. Monthly Forester's Report and Discussion
4. Discussion of Bird City 2023 Planning
5. Discussion of Lake Mendota Drive Bridge project effects on McKenna Park vegetation
6. Announcements, questions and/or consideration items for future agendas (no discussion or action to be taken under this item)
7. Next meeting date: Monday, November 14, 2022
8. Adjourn

Committee members are asked to email cbarford@shorewood-hills.org if you will be absent.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format, should contact the Municipal Clerk, 810 Shorewood Boulevard, or phone 267-2680, during regular business hours at least 48 hours before the meeting so that reasonable arrangements can be made to accommodate each request.

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the Village of Shorewood Hills who are not members of the above committee may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. However, no formal action will be taken by any governmental body at the above meeting other than the committee identified in the caption of this notice.

Village of Shorewood Hills Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 5:30 PM

Location: Heiden Haus 3100 Harvard Drive

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chair Barford.
 - a. **Roll Call:**
 - i. **Committee Members:** Chair Carol Barford, Roma Lenehan, Nancy Heiden, Kathie Brock and David Boutwell. Jeremy Rogers was absent.
 - ii. **Others in Attendance:** Village Forester Adam Lohrmann, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Kahl, and the following Village resident:
 1. Jan Tymorek, 1512 Sumac Dr.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Kahl confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.
 2. **Approve minutes from July 11, 2022, Parks Committee meeting:**
 - a. Motion by Brock, second by Lenehan, to approve the July 11, 2022, draft minutes. Motion carried (5-0).
 3. **Monthly Forester's Report:** Lohrmann reviewed his report and answered questions.
 - a. **Community Forestry Management Plan project proposal status:** Lohrmann is working with Administrator Eveland on this plan. The committee had discussion on what can be accomplished by the October 3, 2022 deadline for the grant. Discussed the need for an updated tree inventory in conjunction with the need for an updated forestry management plan.
- Chair Barford moved item number five to four
4. **Discussion and possible action on Village Weed Commissioner:** Brock advised separation of the Village Forester and Weed Commissioner. Heiden and Barford agreed. Barford will discuss with Administrator Eveland. The Board of Trustees will have final approval.
 5. **Discussion and possible action on the Village's noxious weed list:** Motion by Lenehan, second by Heiden to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Japanese Knotweed and Poison Ivy be removed from the ordinance and to add Spreading Hedge Parsley to the ordinance. Motion carried (5-0).
 6. **Discussion of potential impacts of Lake Mendota Drive Bridge Project on McKenna Park:** Barford gave a brief overview of this project. Boutwell reviewed parts of the plan. The project will start in the Spring 2023, the construction area will be 45-50 feet. Much

of the ground cover will be destroyed. Some plants may be saved by digging them up if they come up soon enough in the spring. Some other concerns were what will be planted once construction is done, type of netting for grass growth, fertilizer and runoff to the lake. Barford said she will talk with Administrator Eveland to see if there is a route of action.

7. Announcements, questions and/or consideration items for future agendas:

a. **Committee Vacancy:** Chair Barford introduced Jan Tymorek who is interested in joining the Parks Committee. Jan will need approval from the Board of Trustees on Monday, September 19, 2022. She would then serve a three-year term.

b. **Other Matter for Future Agenda Items:**

i. Discuss what Parks Committee members want to be reappointed and who is thinking of stepping down when their terms are up.

8. **Next meeting date:** Monday, October 3, 2022 via Zoom

9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Heiden, second by Boutwell to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Kahl, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Forestry and Parks

Report for September 2022: Adam Lohrmann, Forester

Welcome- The Forestry and Parks department welcomes back Evan Peepo to our staff. Evan is a senior in the forestry program at the University of Wisconsin, and previously worked for the Village part-time last autumn. He spent his summer timber cruising in the Tomahawk area as part of his degree requirements and is returning to work with us for the Fall (and hopefully) Spring semesters. We are grateful to have him on our team.

Invasive Species Management- Weeds targeted for removal throughout our parks and green spaces over the last month include: Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, crown vetch, leafy spurge, Canada thistle, biennial thistle, burdock, stickseed, pokeweed, etc.

Rain Gardens- Weeding, pruning, dead-heading, and early Fall debris removal has taken place in all of our rain gardens. Special attention was given to removing joe pye weed to reduce the seed stock in all of the rain gardens, as well as Reese Woods. Significant time was dedicated to weeding, thinning, and dead-heading in the Blackhawk Country Club rain garden.

Garden Club- Weeding, pruning, and debris removal were conducted around Village Hall and the street medians. Three dogwoods were transplanted from the Heiden Haus into the surrounding area of the triangle across from Four Corners Park.

Seed Collection- Seed collection from our native forbs and grasses will be taking place in the coming weeks. Seed donations (from places where it is permissible to collect) and suggestions for areas to re-seed in our parks and natural areas are welcome.

Tree Pruning and Removals- Numerous broken/hanging limbs over streets and sidewalks have been removed. 1 EAB-infested ash was removed at 3006 Harvard. 1 EAB-infested ash was removed at 3525 Blackhawk. 1 honeylocust with split trunk was removed as a hazard tree at 833 Maple Terrace. 1 Douglas fir with severe needle cast was removed at 3526 Blackhawk. 1 dead N. maple was removed at 914 Columbia. 1 mature silver maple with holes and rot in limbs was removed at 923 Columbia, following multiple limb failures over the summer.

Tree Planting- 1 Northern Glow maple was planted by the seating area near the Elementary School tennis courts. 1 Sweet Street linden was planted in the Village terrace area at the request of residents at 2708 Columbia. 3 Holmstrup arborvitae were planted in the bed on the east side of the Heiden Haus, replacing three dogwoods that were transplanted to the Four Corners triangle.

DNR Grant- The grant application to secure funding for an updated tree inventory and new community forestry management plan has been submitted to the DNR. The Village's proposal is to hire/contract two individuals in 2023, one to work exclusively on the inventory, and the other to collaborate with the Forester on the Village's forestry management plan.

University Ave. Construction- The Forester is conducting regular monitoring and photo-documentation of the trees designated for protection as part of the University Ave. construction project. Contractors are respecting the barriers placed around the root protection zone of the trees to be saved. However, vehicles are regularly parked and materials stored in the immediate vicinity of these barriers.

Of Concern- Several major tree failures on both Village and private property have occurred in the last month, contributing to an increase in requests for on-site consultations and tree evaluations from residents concerned about safety and potential property damage.

Adding to these concerns are several dead standing oaks on both Village and private property, and the noticeable tip die-back that can be seen on many oaks throughout the Village. The Forester has requested an assessment from a reputable tree pathologist for the population of oaks on Dartmouth, Columbia, Yale, and Colgate, and will hopefully be able to extrapolate from those results in evaluating other oaks throughout the Village.



Bird City Wisconsin

Making our communities healthy for birds ... and people

4230 N. Oakland Ave., No. 219

Shorewood, WI 53211



September 12, 2022

David Boutwell
Parks Committee
Village of Shorewood Hills
810 Shorewood Blvd
Shorewood Hills, WI 53705

Dear David:

Congratulation! I'm happy to let you know that Shorewood Hills has achieved **Sustained Flight** status in the Bird City Wisconsin program once again in 2022.

Thank you for renewing your community's status. Shorewood Hills joins more than 100 Bird City communities at the forefront of efforts to forge a statewide coalition of citizens and public officials who recognize that birds are much more than just beautiful — that they are valuable indicators of our impact on our world, for good and bad.

Bird City communities go above and beyond in their efforts to educate their residents and protect birds and preserve the habitat they need to thrive. We appreciate not only all that you do to green your community but also your efforts to demonstrate your community's actions to us during the renewal process. We especially appreciate that you did so after spending another year in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for not losing sight of birds despite the challenges we know you faced.

And thank you, too, for helping the statewide **Great Wisconsin Birdathon** once again raise a record-breaking amount for our state's highest-priority bird conservation projects.

I encourage you to share news of your renewal with local media. To make this task a little easier, I'm copying on the opposite side of this sheet a few paragraphs of general information about the program. Please feel free to share it, and please feel free to use our logo in your messaging, too. Don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to receive the logo electronically; I'd be happy to email the image.

Don't forget: You can find Bird City flags, street signs, mini-signs, hats, and t-shirts for sale on our website (<https://birdcitywisconsin.org/about-us/store>). They're perfect for showing off your pride in your community's accomplishments.

And while you're on the site, **I encourage you to sign up to receive our free monthly newsletter**, if you haven't done so already. (And please encourage other members of your team to sign up, too). You can sign up at the bottom of every page; click "Newsletter Signup."

As always, feel free to contact me with questions or for more information. And congratulations!

Sincerely,

Charles Hagner
Director
director@birdcitywisconsin.org

p.s. One of the best ways you can help Wisconsin's birds and Bird City Wisconsin right now is by making sure your community's contact information is up to date. It's easy to do: Simply send an email containing the name, job title, phone number, and email address of your representative (or representatives). Doing this is critically important whenever a rep retires, takes a new position, or moves away, but we'd enjoy hearing from you even if your contact details don't change.

About Bird City Wisconsin

Bird City Wisconsin was created in 2009 and began recognizing communities the following year. The program recognizes municipalities for the conservation and education activities that they undertake to make their communities healthy for birds... and people.

To be recognized as a Bird City, a community must meet criteria spread across six categories: habitat creation and protection, community forest management, limiting threats to birds, public education, energy and sustainability, and the official recognition and celebration of World Migratory Bird Day.

Bird City Wisconsin also offers High Flyer recognition for those communities that go above and beyond in their conservation and education programs. To become a High Flyer, a community must meet additional, and more involved, criteria.

The Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in Port Washington, assumed fiscal sponsorship of Bird City Wisconsin in October 2018. It took over from the Milwaukee Audubon Society, which served as Bird City's fiscal sponsor since 2009, when the society was awarded the TogetherGreen planning grant that launched the successful program.

For more information, visit www.BirdCityWisconsin.org or contact director@birdcitywisconsin.org





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Village of Shorewood Hills

for implementing sound practices and fostering
public education on important bird conservation issues

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2012 – 2022

Charles Hagner, Director