

Village of Shorewood Hills Parks Committee

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Chair Carol Barford.
 - a. **Roll Call:**
 - i. **Committee Members:** Ms. Barford, Nancy Heiden, Kathie Brock, David Boutwell, Jeremy Rogers and Jan Tymorek. Roma Lenehan joined the meeting at 5:43 pm.
 - ii. **Others in Attendance:** Village Forester Adam Lohrmann, Mary Janet Wellensiek, Garden Club Liaison, Kate Weinstock, Garden Club President, Hannah Pinkerton, Garden Club Triangles, and Administrative Services Coordinator, David Sykes.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Mr. Sykes confirmed that the meeting had been properly posted.
2. **Approve minutes from November 15, 2022, Parks Committee meeting:**

Mr. Boutwell moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Vote: 3-0-2 (approved).
3. **Monthly Forester's Report:** Mr. Lohrmann presented his report and there were no questions.

The Committee discussed the Status of the Parks focusing on Dudley Davis Quarry Park (see the attached SWOT report).
7. **(This item was taken out of order by consensus) Discussion regarding raingardens (Bowdoin/Amherst and Shorewood/Harvard) as possible showcases for the Olbrich Garden Tour:** The Olbrich Garden Tour will be in Shorewood Hills on July 7 & 8.

Mr. Lohrmann reported that the Tour will mostly be private residence gardens and the Garden Club's triangle gardens. The organizers would like to showcase some of the Village's raingardens as well. The Bowdoin/Amherst raingarden was worked on last year and is ready for replanting. The Shorewood/Harvard raingarden is highly visible to visitors but needs some work. He has been investigating funding sources for revegetation/plantings.

The required sediment removal for revegetation is part of stormwater maintenance and must go through the Public Works Committee and the Village Engineer.

Mr. Boutwell reported the Shorewood Hills PTO may be interested in managing the Amherst/Bowdoin raingarden since it is being used as a demonstration bio infiltration garden for the school. Mr. Rogers said he will reach out to the PTO.

Mr. Boutwell volunteered to lead the creation of a draft proposal that can be presented to the Public Works Committee.

Ms. Heiden mentioned that the Sumac triangle needs new railroad ties installed. Ms. Pinkerton reported that the Public Works Chief is aware of the maintenance issues and is purchasing RR ties, rails and fence posts for the split rail fence along Locust Drive.

4. **Update from Forester regarding Emerald Ash Borer treatment and fundraising:** Mr. Lohrmann reported he was unaware of the previous Forester changing the treatment schedule from 2 years to 3 years. Treatments are due in 2023 but no money was budgeted this year. He asked for guidance on bringing back the “Adopt an Ash Tree” program to raise funds for the EAB treatments this year. A long term source of funding and decisions on which trees the Village wants to treat is needed. We may need to get creative when funding the treatments in 2023 and possibly investigate a forestry fee added to the utility bills.
Mr. Boutwell added that he assisted with the “Adopt an Ash Tree” letters sent to residents in 2021. They treated ~36 trees for ~\$16K.
Ms. Brock added that the cost to take down a tree is much more than the cost to treat one.
5. **Bird City Proclamation/World Migratory Bird Day Event:** Ms. Barford reported that the Board passed the World Migratory Bird Day resolutions and the event is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at the Village Hall.
6. **Discussion regarding replacement trees for the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District and University Avenue Reconstruction projects:** Ms. Barford indicated that the Madison Sewer project is not on Village land and we don’t have much say in the matter. Both projects have restoration plans that have been reviewed and approved already. City of Madison Engineering has planting plans on their website.
8. **Announcements, questions and/or consideration items for future agendas (no discussion or action to be taken under this item):** Time ran out for this item.
9. **Next meeting date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
10. **Adjourn:** Mr. Rogers moved and Ms. Heiden second a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

David Sykes, Administrative Services Coordinator