

**Village of Shorewood Hills
Parks Committee**
Meeting Minutes – APPROVED
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 - 5:30pm
Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carol Barford called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 5:36pm. Present, in addition to Barford, were Nancy Heiden at 5:46pm, Kathie Brock, David Boutwell, Jeremy Rogers, Roma Lenahan, and Jan Tymorek at 6:10pm. Also in attendance were Mary Janet Wellensiek Garden Club liaison, Village Forester Adam Lohrmann and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Kahl.
 - a. **Note compliance with open meeting law:** Kahl confirmed the meeting had been properly posted.
2. **Public Comment and Communication:** Lenahan mentioned Bird City is Thursday, March 2nd beginning at 6:30pm.
3. **Approve minutes from January 24, 2023 Parks Committee Meeting:** Lohrmann had one correction in item #4, read as “treatment schedule from 3 years to 2 years”. It should be “treatment schedule from 2 years to 3 years”. Rogers moved, Brock seconded pending the edits. Motion carried (5-0).
4. **Monthly Forester’s Report:** Lohrmann presented his report. Barford had a couple questions regarding Emerald Ash Borer. She asked about how many Emerald Ash trees there are in the Village, Lohrmann said there are 67 trees. Barford also asked what is cost to treat the trees. Lohrmann said it’s based on size of tree, 10ml per inch diameter- the company will come first to measure tree. In 2019 measured 1,520 inch diameter were treated at \$8 per inch. The Committee had discussions regarding the history of EAB and past processes for treatment.
5. **VOSH Foundation and funds for Parks-related projects:** Boutwell explained the process that currently exists for donations through the Village’s budget line item, collected over time for incidental costs (such as for Emerald Ash Borer treatment). The foundation is independent from the Village. Boutwell will ask VOSH Foundation Treasurer, Peter Hans, if he will track donor designation of funds within the Foundation. He will report back at the next meeting.
6. **VOSH Centennial. Proposal development for long-term tree planning and fundraiser campaign:** Barford gave information on this item. There will be a Centennial Committee. The Parks Committee should develop a proposal. Some proposal development ideas were:
 - add “Centennial” to one of our existing park names (McKenna Park)
 - improvements to the park (boathouse, access road, fence)
 - have a clear vision that would be significant to residents (choosing a park) and project (boathouse)
 - build a Centennial fund for tree planting, tree removal/maintenance
 - restoration practices such as prescribed fires
 - funds for forestry staff and equipment needs

7. **Post Farm Park. SWOT analysis and discussion:** See attached SWOT analysis notes.
8. **Announcements, questions, and/or consideration items for future agendas (no discussion or action to be taken under this item):**
 - Bird City Event on Thursday, March 2nd, beginning at 6:30pm
 - Funds for parks/forestry needs possibilities
 - Natural playground equipment
9. **Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023**
10. **Adjourn:** Rogers moved, Heiden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Chrissy Kahl
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer