

**Village of Shorewood Hills
Parks Committee**
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 5:30pm
Location: Virtual via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carol Barford called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 5:34 pm.
 - a. **Roll Call:** Present, in addition to Barford, were Nancy Heiden, David Boutwell, and Roma Lenehan. Jan Tymorek joined the meeting at 5:42pm. Also in attendance were Mary Janet Wellensiek Garden Club liaison. Jeremy Rogers and Kathie Brock were absent. Also in attendance were Village Forester Adam Lohrmann and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Kahl.
 - b. **Note compliance with open meeting law:** Kahl confirmed the meeting had been properly posted.
2. **Public Comment and Communication:** No one wished to speak
3. **Approve minutes from March 28, 2023 Parks Committee Meeting:** Heiden moved, seconded by Lenehan to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried (4-0).
4. **Monthly Forester's Report:** Lohrmann was present to answer questions. He answered questions regarding the pedestrian bridge construction at University Bay Drive and tree loss and replacement along University Avenue by the Shorewood Shopping Center. Lohrmann reminded all that the Arbor Day celebration coming up on April 28th.
5. **Discussion of Shorewood Hills Community Foundation and establishment of a "Parks and Forestry Fund" (no update as of 04/19/2023):** Boutwell spoke on this. The Community Foundation is going to meet at the end of April. The committee will postpone this item until June. Barford spoke with Administrator Eveland, there is a special revenue fund set up that is tracked (Heiden Haus, Garden Club, Fourth of July funds/donations). The benefit of the special revenue fund is that it's already established and the funds are easier to get when needed. A downside is there has not been acknowledgement of donations. If through Foundation, the Foundation would have authority to disburse the funds. Barford can talk with Eveland regarding acknowledgements/thank you notes. Boutwell would like to still have a conversation/meeting with Foundation.
6. **Discussion of potential designation of Viburnum Triangle as a park:** Boutwell said this started about a year ago (May 2nd, 2022), conversations involved residents. He would like to see this as a park and bring into the Forestry Management Plan. Make a parkway-Viburnum Triangle or a park, funding comes from different sources depending on the designation. Barford will have a conversation with Village Engineer Brian Berquist and Administrator Eveland for strategic planning and funding that are compatible with the Forester's Management Plan.
7. **Discussion of McKenna Park's potential as a historic archaeological site:** Boutwell said with the discovery of the dug out canoes and recent death of Dr. Jim Skibo this may be a

good site. It's too early to know what may emerge from this history. Boutwell could speak to State Historical Society regarding a marker, grant funding for improvements or plantings. Perhaps talking to natives of the land to tell their stories. Boutwell wants to know if he can start these conversations. Spring Harbor Park has something similar and Barford recommends the committee go to check that out and do some fact finding and coordinating with State Historical Society.

8. McKenna Park SWOT analysis and discussion: Heiden moved, Tymorek seconded to table this item due to time constraints. Motion carried (5-0).

9. Announcements, questions, and/or consideration items for future agendas (no discussion or action to be taken under this item): Lenehan asked about the McKenna bridge project start. Boutwell asked about Parks Committee re-appointments. Next meeting to discuss McKenna Park SWOT earlier in the meeting in June.

10. Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023

11. Adjourn: Heiden moved, Tymorek seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Chrissy Kahl
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer