

Village of Shorewood Hills
Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 5:30pm
Location: Virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carol Barford called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 5:31pm.
 - a. **Roll Call:** Present, in addition to Barford, were David Boutwell, Roma Lenehan, Jan Tymorek, Nancy Heiden, Kathie Brock, Jeremy Rogers, and Garden Club Liaison Mary Janet Wellensiek. Also in attendance was Village 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:** None. No members of the public attended.
3. **Approve minutes from September 26, 2023 Parks Committee meeting:** Boutwell moved, seconded by Tymorek to approve the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Rogers abstained. Heiden left the meeting at 5:33pm due to technical difficulties (did not vote). Motion carried.

Heiden joined at 5:48pm by going to Brock's home.
4. **Monthly Forester's Report:** No report provided. Barford gave an update which included: LTE Patrick Finnegan will be starting soon and saving the oak tree south of the pool by getting support from the Pool Committee and the Garden Club.
5. **Discussion of communication with residents regarding spongy moth:** Barford gave an overview. Discussion included: an informational blurb for distribution through Nixle, the bulletin, and flyers. Add the link for WI DNR instead of the word "here" in first paragraph. The distribution of flyers would be done by the Parks Committee members.
6. **Discussion regarding climbing in the spruce tree at Four Corners Park:** Discussion included: observations of the tree being used for training purposes; walking or driving around the base of the tree compacts the earth around it; find a way to protect it by fencing, signage or large stones. May need more information to know if climbing on the tree is harmful to the tree, possibly bring in a consultant. Due to MGE working in the area, we may want to ask Forester Lohrmann to stake and tape off the perimeter of the tree.
7. **Discussion of iconic trees in the Village – Wisconsin heritage oak trees and state champion trees:** Barford gave an overview. Discussion included: CARPC did tree inventory along with Forester Lohrmann-may help with identifying iconic trees; possibly create a series about iconic trees for residents, add educational/timely information. Barford asked the committee to come up with a title for the series and frequency/length of series for the next meeting.
8. **Discussion of Bird City activity in 2023 and 2024:** Discussion included: Heiden approached Lisa Gaumnitz who offers a "Save Our Songbirds", program on Feb 29, 2023;

2023 Bird City certificate should be received soon; how to track bird counts and ways to find data, would need to be ready by end of January for renewal; 2024 resolution for voting at December Board meeting.

9. Announcements, questions, and/or consideration items for future agendas (no discussion or action to be taken under this item):

Announcements:

- Barford-Forestry budget request has gone in. Approval at the November Budget meeting
- CORP – CARPC will present at Rec Committee meeting. Barford or Boutwell will plan on attending

Future Agenda Items:

- Scientific basis for tree root zone protection regarding Four Corners spruce tree
- Potential bird data for Bird City renewal in 2024
- Series of Village tree history pieces for the bulletin (and other media), leading up to VOSH centennial
- David Boutwell's tree walks

10. Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

11. Adjourn: Heiden moved, seconded by Tymorek to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chrissy Kahl
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer