

Village of Shorewood Hills
Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - 5:30pm
Location: Virtually via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Carol Barford called the meeting of the Parks Committee to order at 5:32pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Present, in addition to Barford, were David Boutwell, Kathie Brock, Nancy Heiden, Roma Lenehan, Jeremy Rogers, Jan Tymorek, and Garden Club Liaison Mary Janet Wellensiek. Also in attendance were Interim Village Administrator Karl Frantz, Village Forester Adam Lohrmann (joined at 5:38pm) and Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Kahl.
3. **Note compliance with open meeting law:** Kahl confirmed the meeting was properly posted.
4. **Approve minutes from Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Parks Committee meeting: Tymorek moved, seconded by Brock to approve the March 26, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**
5. **Public Comments** - This is an opportunity for community members to speak to the Committee. No discussion or action may take place at this time and speakers may be limited to three minutes: No one from the public attended.
6. **Monthly Forester's Report:** Lohrmann was not present at 5:35pm. The committee moved ahead to item #7, then this item followed. Lohrmann highlighted the trail/park issues such as bike riding in natural areas and rock climbing in the quarry. Some ways to help alleviate these issues may be done by educating residents by putting information in the bulletin and signage. Discussion also included adding the Tree City and Growth Award to the bulletin.
7. **Discussion of mapping natural areas:** Barford introduced this item. Boutwell provided information regarding natural areas and define possible trails within the natural areas from source documents CORP 2024 and the Parks Open Space Plan 2023. Barford discussed that the committee is tasked with protecting biodiversity, tree health, Lake Mendota water quality, recreational opportunities in the following categories - protecting trees, native plants, animals, shoreline, and Indian mounds. Discussion included: defining areas first; mapping; current condition map; timing of taking information to other committees. Each committee member was tasked with taking notes on each park regarding the categories listed above ahead of the May meeting.
8. **Discussion of monthly meeting location:** Meetings held May through October will be held in person at Heiden Haus.
9. **Update on restoration post-MGE project in Koval Woods and garden triangles:** Lohrmann has requested that MGE replace the ornamentals in the garden triangles. He is waiting on MGE for how and when they will make reimbursements. Lohrmann has notified MGE that the Village will need funding for restoration for Koval Woods.

- 10. Update on Four Corners signage as described in the CORP:** Lohrmann needs clarification, Barford will follow up with Lohrmann.
- 11. Discussion and possible action on purchase of replacement truck:** Lohrmann gave some background information. The existing truck is past it's scheduled replacement and is in bad condition. **Rogers moved, seconded by Heiden to recommend approval of a new truck as presented. Motion carried.**
- 12. Future Agenda Items** – This is an opportunity for committee members to request an item be added to a future agenda. No discussion may take place on any requested items at this time and committee members should not make lengthy statements on their request.
- McKenna Park master plan update
 - Old Business
- 13. Next meeting date:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in person at Heiden Haus
- 14. Adjourn:** **Rogers moved, seconded by Heiden to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Chrissy Kahl
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer