

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Location: Village Hall, 810 Shorewood Boulevard and Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Stankey called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present included Robb Stankey, Tom Popkewitz, Rick Chappell, Bob Corbett and Austin Tierney (via Zoom). Tim Vanderjeugd arrived at 5:37pm. Christine Maxon Herro was excused. Others present included Brian Berquist and Tim Stieve from Town & Country Engineering, Public Works Superintendent Tary Handschke, Administrative Assistant Julie Wills.
3. **Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Wills confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.
4. **Approval of Minutes - May 14, 2024.** M/S Popkewitz/Corbett to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments.** Several community members were present to address the committee regarding the Lake Mendota Drive traffic issues and maintaining healthy trees. Mary Sweeney advocated for maintaining the mature, healthy trees on Lake Mendota Drive. Lea Aschkenase also raised concerns about the trees and noted she is an early morning walker and sees a great deal of fast traffic on Lake Mendota Drive. Carol McKinney was present to listen and learn about the issues on the agenda. Bobbie Wolfe discussed speed bumps on Lake Mendota Drive and noted issues crossing streets while walking their dog. Earl Munson stated that he personally does not like speed bumps but feels they will protect walkers and bikers. Jane Villa indicated that since traffic has been rerouted due to the University Avenue construction, the Lake Mendota Drive straightway has increased and fast moving traffic.
6. **Public Works Superintendent Update.** Handschke provided an update to the Committee:
 - The community center lighting, ceiling tile, flooring and paint update was completed under budget. They are working on sewer jetting, valve turning, line painting as well as seasonal projects. The summer interns have been doing a great job, working on painting, etc. As a result of the storm earlier this year, fifty loads of wood chips were available to residents.
 - The department held a successful shred event in May, assisted with July 4th preparations and assisted on pool updates necessary for the upcoming All City meet. He has been participating in meetings relating to parking and traffic management.
 - Interviews for the new Public Works crew member will be held next week.
7. **Discussion/Possible Action on Purdue Street Adjustment after MMSD Project.** MMSD is replacing the sewer line and will then replace the street to the Village's specifications which creates an opportunity to address safety concerns. Berquist provided an update on the proposed improvements and noted the bike path is intended for bike and pedestrian traffic. Concerns were noted about bike speeds. **After discussion, there was a M/S Chappell/Vanderjeugd to recommend the Village Board approve the plan as proposed by the engineer. Motion carried.**

8. Discussion/Possible Action on Lake Mendota Drive Speed Data and Through Traffic Reduction. Berquist reviewed the project objectives to address traffic for workplace access, speed concerns and pedestrian/bike safety. He noted the existing data has been reviewed but may need to be updated, City of Madison has been contacted for input and provided the pros, cons and costs of each solution. Summary: The west end of Lake Mendota Drive is wide at 40', the typical street width is 24'. To narrow the streets, curbing would be added to slow traffic but doing so reduces available parking, cost estimated \$70k. Speed humps work and bring speeds down to 25 depending on size and spacing, they recommend five humps at \$25k each for a total of about \$100k. A combination of these two options could be used. A third option is adding sidewalks to provide pedestrian access on one side of the street, this would require Finance and Board approval and cost approximately \$275k.

After discussion, M/S by Popkewitz/Vanderjeugd, to recommend to the Village Board approve the engineer's Lake Mendota Drive five speed hump plan for further study and resident input with potential for narrowing. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Possible Action on Safety Improvements at Shorewood Blvd/Topping Road/Harvard Drive (tabled at 5/14/24 meeting). With the goal of preventing pedestrian accidents and improving visibility, Berquist relayed potential solutions and associated costs to the committee. Realignment of the intersection and raised crosswalks are similar in price to speed humps. Signage and crosswalk paint are less invasive and costly. Stankey provided background on the safety issues he has experienced. **M/S Popkewitz/Chappell to recommend signs be reinstalled and recommend to the Village Board painting the intersection with a friendly amendment to add flashing stop sign pending adjacent resident support. Motion carried.**

10. Public Works Capital Improvement Plan Introduction. Public Works CIP introduction was provided by Berquist. He indicated this will be a multi meeting process and discussed the homework to be assigned to committee members. The plan will address pedestrian and bike safety priorities and serve as a guide for future public works projects.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. **Midvale Blvd./University Ave. Redesign Plan with Respect to BRT Implementation.**
- b. **Review of bike infrastructure and any gaps in the system.**

In addition to the above items, committee members suggested the following issues as potential future agenda items:

- Bike path at Highland Crossing (Chappell)
- Comprehensive review of speed control interventions (Popkewitz)
- Possible move to monthly meetings. (Popkewitz)
- McKenna Park Redesign and speed limit on bike path. (Corbett)
- Crossing Oxford and Shorewood Boulevard. (Vanderjeugd)

12. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30pm (Hybrid)

13. Adjourn. M/S Tom/Bob to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Julie Wills
Recording Secretary**

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TOWNHALL MEETING
Date and Time: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:00pm.**

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Robb Stankey called the townhall meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present included Mr. Stankey, Austin Tierney, Bob Corbett, Tim Vanderjeugd, and Tom Popkewitz. Christine Maxon Herro and Rick Chappell were excused. Others present included Administrator Brian Mooney, Public Works Superintendent Tary Handschke, Village Engineer Brian Berquist, Administrative Services Coordinator David Sykes and about twenty five residents in person and via Zoom.
3. **Approval of the Agenda.** Mr. Popkewitz moved and Mr. Vanderjeugd seconded a motion to approve the meeting agenda.
4. **Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Mr. Sykes confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.
5. **Procedures Orientation.** Mr. Stankey welcomed everyone to the in-person townhall meeting and noted that people could also participate via Zoom and that the meeting would be livestreamed on Facebook. Comments submitted via Facebook may not be reviewed by Committee members contemporaneously during the meeting. Comments can be emailed to info@shorewood-hills.org and they will be forwarded on to the Committee members by Village staff.
6. **Community Townhall - Village Engineer Brian Berquist from Town & Country Engineering will provide background on traffic, speed, and safety issues on Lake Mendota Drive, as well as some potential solutions for consideration by the community. Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback on these topics.**

Mr. Stankey reviewed the townhall's purpose and Mr. Popkewitz provided a history of the increasing problems on and near Lake Mendota Drive.

Mr. Berquist reviewed the history of traffic data counts and speeds collected over the years. The Committee has been concerned about traffic counts, speed and pedestrian/bike safety on Lake Mendota Drive. His firm, Town & Country Engineering, has developed a few general concepts for the Committee to consider:

- Narrowing streets has proven to be effective in the Village and other communities. He estimates it would cost ~\$35K for curb and gutter work to narrow a majority of Lake Mendota Drive.
- Speed humps are often an effective tool to lower speeds. He has identified five locations on Lake Mendota Drive at a cost of \$20K each.
- Madison installed sidewalks and speed humps in the Spring Harbor neighborhood, just west of the Village on lake Mendota Drive. If the Village were to add sidewalks, in addition to speed humps, it would necessitate some tree removal and the cost would be higher than for speed humps alone.

Mr. Berquist and the Committee members heard concerns from the community including the following:

- Concern about the lack of enforcement on Edgehill Drive, Wood Lane and Edgehill Parkway, in addition to Lake Mendota Drive.
- Recommended a three-way stop at the intersection of Lake Mendota Drive and Edgehill Drive.
- Add a sidewalk in the 1500 block of Edgehill Drive (between Edgehill Parkway and Lake Mendota Drive).
- Concerned about unintended consequences of traffic calming measures on Lake Mendota Drive. Be sure to consider what a change may do to other streets/areas of the Village.
- Consider realigning the Lake Mendota Drive, Sumac Drive, Edgehill Parkway intersection to slow down westbound traffic.
- Consider stop signs on Lake Mendota Drive at Wood Lane.

Trustee and Public Health & Safety Committee Chair Bob Falk mentioned to the group that the Village is applying for grant funding from the Federal Government's Infrastructure Bill. The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant provides initial funding for a comprehensive safety plan development, some demonstration projects. More significant funding could be available later for larger projects like street redesign and infrastructure changes. The Public Works and Public Health & Safety Committees are both active in procuring the grant funding.

7. **Adjourn.** Mr. Popkewitz moved and Mr. Corbett seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Sykes
Administrative Services Coordinator

Wisconsin Stormwater Week

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The graphic features a central background image of water flowing over rocks. At the top left is a blue silhouette of Wisconsin with a white cloud and raindrops. To its right, the text reads "Sept. 21st-29th, 2024" and "STORMWATER WEEK" in large, bold, blue letters. A blue starburst on the top right contains the text "Events in Dane County". Below this are four white event cards with blue headers, each detailing an event on a specific date. At the bottom is a blue banner with the text "LEARN MORE AT: WWW.RIPPLE-EFFECTS.COM/WI-STORMWATER-WEEK" and logos for "Salt Wise", "LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT", and "Ripple Effects".

SEPT 23
Lil' Explorers Stormwater Adventure Program*
(Ages 3-5 @ Lussier Family Heritage Center)
***Registration required for this free event.**

SEPT 24
Plant Kit Sale and Native Gardening Workshop
• Native gardening learning stations
• Garden design assistance
• All participants receive a native pollinator or downspout garden kit
***Tickets required (\$26-46) - sale opens 8/26**
Kits & tickets will not be available for purchase at the event.

SEPT 26
Smart Salting Workshop and Equipment Open House*
(for winter maintenance professionals who maintain parking lots and sidewalks)
***Registration required for this free event.**

SEPT 29
Tales from Planet Earth- Waubesa Wetlands Film Screening*
(Lussier Family Heritage Center)
***Registration required for this free event.**

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September 21- 29, 2024

Join us for a week dedicated to learning about stormwater, what it is, the problems it can cause, and actions people can take to prevent stormwater pollution to our waters. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from the experts and make a difference – mark your calendars and get involved during Wisconsin Stormwater Week!

Local Event Schedule

- **Sept. 23rd, 9:30-11am-** [Lil' Explorers Stormwater Adventure Program for preschoolers \(ages 3-5\)](#)@ Lussier Family Heritage Center- (Free, 10 spots available registration required)
- **Sept. 24th, 5-7pm-** [Plant Kit Sale and Native Gardening Workshop](#)- Learn how native gardening can protect our lands and waters at learning stations and pick up a pre-ordered downspout or pollinator garden kit to plant. **(Tickets required, Cost: \$23- plant pollinator kit, \$46- 32-plant downspout garden kit, and \$30- garden design session and 16-plant kit). Tickets include entry to event. Tickets or garden kits will not be available to purchase the day of the event.**
- **Sept 26th, 8am-12pm-** [Smart Salting Workshop and Equipment Open House \(parking lots and sidewalks\)](#) @ Madison Metro. Sewerage District- (Free, registration required)
- **Sept. 29th, 5pm-** [Tales from Planet Earth-Waubesa Wetlands Film Screening](#) @ Lussier Family Heritage Center (Free, registration required)