

Recreation Committee Minutes

Village of Shorewood Hills

Monday, April 3, 2017

Old Village Hall/DPW Building, 1008 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by committee chair Anne Readel.
 - a. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Janet McClain, Gloria Beach, Santhia Brandt, Lucy Richards, and Anne Readel.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
 - c. **Approval of Minutes.** March 6 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **Firehouse Library.** The Committee reviewed the revised draft of the Firehouse Library Use Policy. The actual capacity limits for the meeting rooms are unknown. However, the Committee felt that a capacity limit of 10 people per room was reasonable and agreed that Anne should check with Karl to determine actual capacity limits. Gloria moved, Janet seconded approving the revised draft and sending it to the Services Committee for their review and approval. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee acknowledged that it would like to revisit the policy in approximately 6 months to examine how it is functioning. Santhia and Lucy would like to coordinate a games night or morning drop-off mom's time after the use policy is in place.

Some Committee members were wondering whether groups other than the Fire and EMS group are allowed to use the kitchen room. Some Committee members thought that the kitchen area should be made available to the public (in addition to still being available to the Fire and EMS group) as additional community space.

Santhia reported that she has permission to purchase Library materials at the UW-SWAP through the Village account, and that the Library will reimburse the Village (so those expenses are not coming out the budget). The Committee decided that it should try to get some additional tables for the Library. She also noted that SWAP sometimes carries outdoor furniture, which may be useful outside the library or next to some of the tennis courts during the summer.

3. **Four Corners Park.** Lucy noted that numerous proposals for a new play structure at Four Corners Park have been received for consideration. The structures proposed cost between \$20,000-\$40,000. Some companies insist on installing the structures themselves, while others allow some community build. One new additional company was identified and a bid is being obtained. The Recreation Committee discussed the process of selecting a structure. The Recreation Committee unanimously recommended that the members of the playground committee select a structure for presentation to the Board. Once a structure is selected and sent to the Board for approval, the Committee recommends that the Village send a BLAST message to residents to inform them that plans for the playground have been selected and will be submitted to the Board for approval. If Village residents would like to learn more about the plans and would like to provide comments/feedback on the selected plans, they will be able to do so at the Board meeting. The Committee felt this was a good balance between keeping residents informed and involved but also keeping the project moving forward with the hope of having a new structure installed by this summer.
4. **Post Farm Park.** Lucy did not have any updates on the Post Farm Park playground. Further developments in the park are on hold while the Four Corners park improvements are being planned. The Four Corners Park improvements would require crew time so instead of splitting the crew's energy, they are focusing on Four Corners Park.

The Committee noted that previously, there were some concerns that kids were going into the gardens. It noted that we may want to install a decorative fence between the gardens and playground.

Gloria suggested that a basketball backboard be installed in the staff parking lot for use during non-pool hours. Anne will speak with Karl to determine whether this is feasible.

The Committee also noted that the volleyball court is in disrepair. The Committee felt that either the court needs to be improved or perhaps the space should be used for a swing set, if there isn't community interest in a court. The Committee would like to further discuss this issue and whether the Committee could try to encourage use. For example, the Village could perhaps sponsor an adult league, or volleyballs could be available for checkout at the pool. Another option is that the Committee could place a note in the bulletin indicating that if residents want the court to stay, they should get in touch with the Recreation Committee and we'll help get the court repaired.

There were questions on what the scout shack is being used for. Anne will check with Karl for more details.

Finally, there were some concerns about traffic and safety at Post Farm Park. Gloria (who lives by the pool) noted that cars often disregard the pedestrian cross walks by the pool. She was wondering if we could put pedestrian cross walk signs at the two cross walks for improved safety. She also suggested that we consider having strong police presence at the pool during the first few weeks it is open to reinforce compliance with traffic laws. Finally, some members thought we might be helpful to have a mirror put up around tricky intersections in that area. Anne will refer these concerns to the Public Health and Safety Committee.

5. **Basketball program.** Janet reported that it will likely be having it behind the tennis courts for the season.
6. **Future Agenda Items.** Next meeting date is schedule for Monday, May 8.
 - a. Discuss the future of the volleyball court.
 - b. Discuss adult art class in the community center (probably for fall).
 - c. Consider whether we should open up Four Corners summer program to children at Eagle Heights. We could have an early sign up for Village residents and then a second sign up for Eagle Heights kids. There's a recreation coordinator at Eagle Heights that plans a lot of activities; we could have a good relationship with them.
7. **Adjourned.** The Committee adjourned at 9:01 pm.