

# **Parks Committee Minutes Village of Shorewood Hills**

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Village Hall – 810 Shorewood Blvd

1. Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm by committee member Kathie Brock

- **Roll Call:** Members Present: Anne Readel, Sue Denholm, David Boutwell, Kathie Brock, Roma Lenehan, and Nancy Heiden. Others Present: Village Forester Corey George.
- **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. **Shorewood School Plans.**

Village resident Tracy Koziol was unable to join the Parks Committee meeting as planned. In her absence, Nancy Heiden provided the Committee with an update on proposed improvements to the existing school grounds. Links to the preliminary School Yard Master Plan are available on the Village website and in the Village Bulletin. Nancy suggested that Committee members send feedback and ideas to Tracy or attend a future presentation.

3. **Memorial Benches.**

The Parks Committee continued a conversation from the April meeting regarding installation of a memorial bench and commemorative plaque at the East Entryway Park. Corey George will contact the family member to discuss the wording to go on the plaque. Sue Denholm will contact the manufacturer to discuss the previously selected bench styles and options for placement of the plaque on the bench.

4. **Emerald Ash Borer.**

Arborists advise it is highly likely that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has arrived in the Village. Corey has identified several trees on private property showing signs of infection in the area of Blackhawk Drive and Sunset. Tree removals will likely be necessary to eliminate the source of EAB before beetles emerge to infest additional ash trees. The current Forestry budget is stressed by the impact of recent storm damage, Dutch elm disease, and Oak wilt. Anne Readel suggested that Corey review his ash tree inventory on Village owned property and assess the cost for chemical treatment, tree removal, and tree replacement. Corey will continue to work with homeowners to consider sharing costs for the preventative treatment of nearby ash trees. A question remains on how to handle the cost of ongoing treatment for trees no longer supported by prior adoption versus the cost for removal and replacement.

5. **Recreational Improvements in Parks.**

Anne provided the committee with an update to recent park revitalization and playground improvements at Four Corners. New sand and net have been installed at Post Farm Park. The Recreation Committee is working on ways to promote the recreational opportunities to new apartment residents.

6. **Resident Input**

There were no residents in attendance.

7. **Forester's Report.**

The monthly Forester's Report for May 2017 was distributed to the Parks Committee for their review.

**Adjourned.** The Committee adjourned at 7:09 pm.