

Parks Committee Minutes Village of Shorewood Hills

Monday, August 13th, 2018
Four Corners Park – Edgehill Drive

1. Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm by committee chair Anne Readel

- **Roll Call:** Members Present: Anne Readel, David Boutwell, Kathy Brock, Nancy Heiden, Roma Lenehan. Others Present: Village Forester Corey George. Village Residents Joan McElroy and Susan Shafer-Landau
- **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 11th, 2018 meeting were approved.

2. **Four Corners Storm Water Runoff** – Park Walk Through and Discussion

The Committee gathered at the lower park entrance with a plan to walk the entire length of Four Corners Park to assess tree plantings, soil surface conditions, stormwater runoff, and increased infiltration. A major concern is a narrow access point below the playground area. The location is heavily shaded and often muddy. Several trees in poor condition were identified for removal. Improved solutions for drainage were discussed. The Parks Committee will evaluate options, including the addition of a breaker rock surface to support heavy service vehicles.

3. **Four Corners Play Area** – Discussion

Wood chips are spread each year around play equipment to minimize muddy conditions. The large volume of accumulated wood chips mound up and wash away with heavy rains. The Committee will explore solutions to reduce reliance on woodchips while maintaining the natural feel of the play area.

4. **Four Corners Shelter Area** – Discussion

Rooftop runoff has eroded the adjacent soil surface. Water damage to the shelter was identified. The Committee would like to raise awareness before further deterioration of the structure occurs.

5. **Four Corners Back Pathway to Sunset Drive** – Walk Through and Discussion

Heavy rainfall events result in excessive surface runoff originating along Sunset Drive. Runoff enters the park and rapidly flows downhill and along adjacent homeowner's property. The Parks Committee will look into viable solutions to slow and contain stormwater runoff. A series of rain gardens or small infiltration areas were discussed as possible solutions. Corey will look at estimated costs and available funds.

6. **Resident Input** –

Several adjacent homeowners from the upper pathway joined the Committee to share their knowledge and experience with storm water runoff entering the upper park.

7. Future Agenda Items.

- Four Corners follow up
- Increased number of dead and dying trees.
- Oak wilt lab test results
- Other park projects

8. Forester's Report.

The monthly Forester's Report for July 2018 was distributed to the Parks Committee for their review and comment.

Adjourned. The Committee adjourned at 6:34 pm.