

Parks Committee Minutes
Village of Shorewood Hills

Monday, January 14, 2019
Village Hall - 810 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Georgene Stratman.
 - a. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Kathie Brock, David Boutwell, Roma Lenehan, and Georgene Stratman.
Others Present: Village Forester Corey George, Garden Club liaison Mary Janet Wellensiek, and Parks Assistant Adam Lohrmann.
 - b. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
 - c. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the October 8th, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. **Forestry and Parks Assistant** – The Parks Committee welcomed new part time Forestry and Parks staff person Adam Lohrmann. Adam will work with Corey on forestry, horticulture, and seasonal projects as needed.
3. **Garden Club Liaison** – Mary Janet Wellensiek recently assumed the role of Garden Club Liaison. The committee discussed several topics of shared interest such as roadside visibility, water runoff, and Village Hall garden projects.
4. **Natural Area Restoration Projects** – Corey George and David Boutwell provided the committee with an update on native plant restoration projects at Post Farm Park, Quarry Park, and McKenna Park. Invasive plant removal projects have greatly benefited from several years of support by UW Student Badger Volunteers. Restoration priorities for 2019 continue to be invasive plant control and brush clearing.
5. **Tree Maintenance Projects** – Ash tree removals and treatments will continue in 2019. The invasive emerald ash tree borer has become wide spread throughout the Village. McKenna Park has several red oak trees infected with oak wilt and/or are in poor condition/high risk. These trees will be removed this winter.
6. **Bird City** – The 2019 International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebration will take place on February 28th with a talk on “Spring Migration of Birds”. An overview of this year’s event will appear in the February Village Bulletin.
7. **Other Parks Projects** – The committee discussed drainage problems in Koval Woods and Four Corners Park, West Entrance Park rain garden infiltration difficulties, Marshall Court bike path, and invasive shrub removal along Oxford Road (below Haight Road).
8. **Resident Input.** None.
9. **Future Agenda Items.** Spring 2019 priorities.
10. **Forester’s Report.**
11. **Adjourned.** The Committee adjourned at 6:53 pm.