

Parks Committee Minutes

Village of Shorewood Hills

Monday, June 10, 2019
Village Hall – 810 Shorewood Boulevard

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33.
 - A. **Roll call.** Members present: Mark Lederer, Nancy Heiden, Jerney Rodgers, Dave Boutwell and Roma Lenehan. Others present: Village Forester Corey George, Anne Readel representing the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee.
 - B. **Compliance with Open-Meeting Law.** The meeting was properly posted.
 - C. **Approval of Minutes.** Was postponed to a future meeting.

2. **Sustainability Plan** – Anne Readel introduced herself as chair of the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee. She described the background to the formation and operation of that committee. She explained that her committee was seeking feedback from all the other Village committees as to the draft Sustainability Plan which was distributed to members of the Parks Committee. She noted the draft listed many actions the Village could take to increase sustainability, but the Village Trustees, guided by the residents, could pick and choose among the many suggestions. Anne discussed some of the options for disseminating the report once it was submitted and approved by the Trustees.

Among the many suggestions made by various committee members and discussed at the meeting include the following:

Prioritize proposed actions and consider possible tradeoffs that might more cost effectively reduce lake pollution from external sources.

Post sustainability survey results on the Village website.

Incorporation noise pollution in the report.

Tradeoffs of voluntary versus mandatory actions.

Guidelines for pesticide use.

Regulation of the canopy – in ROW and private property.

Encourage of native species.

Notice requirement before spraying pesticides.

Make greater use of permits to take actions.

Create links to helpful guides/documents on Village website.

Possibility of melding committee's own goals into sustainability goals.

Difficulties posed by hard costs and only soft benefits.

Anne thanked the committee for its comments and suggestions.

3. **Discuss Future Goals** – Postponed to a future meeting.
4. **Future Agenda Items** – Suggestions included an update on the Heiden Haus project and mapping of the Village parks.
5. **Forester's report** – Corey reviewed for the committee a number of items from his monthly report including, but not limited to, the status of the Four Corners path and tree removal in the park, landscaping around the salt shed, the planned elimination of the trees on the north side of University Avenue for a sidewalk and condition of landscaping alongside the drainage ditch opposite the pool.
6. **Adjourned at 7:00 pm.**