

Village of Shorewood Hills
PARKS AND REC JOINT MEETING
September 15, 2020 - 3:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Laura Valderrama (Chair)	x			Jeremy Rogers	x		
Roma Lenehan	x			Georgene Stratman			?
Nancy Heiden	x			Kathie Brock	x		
Dave Boutwell	x			Corey George (Forester)	x		
Mary Janet Wellensiek (GC Liaison)	x			Karl Frantz	x		

Others in Attendance:

Time	Item	Materials
3:00 pm	Call to order at 3:04 pm Note compliance with open meeting law - yes Approval of last meeting's minutes - yes	August Minutes
3:05 pm	Topic 1: Summer Youth Volunteer Program Resolution	“The Parks Committee would like to recognize and thank village residents Ilana Greenspan, Jonathan Greenspan and Parks Committee member David Boutwell for their summer volunteer work in our parks and natural areas. Twice weekly, over a period of 12 weeks, they worked on a number of environmental and conservation related projects. Together, they made significant contributions to further the established goals of the Village of Shorewood Hills Parks and Open Space Plan. Projects included invasive plant identification and removal, native plant reseeding, and working with the village forestry staff on tree and shrub maintenance.”
3:15 pm	Topic 2: Google Maps Follow Up	Jeremy found instructions on how to request and update to the naming in google maps and Corey will request an update using a municipal email address that the label in google maps be updated from “Shorewood Hills Beach” to “McKenna Park and Boathouse”
3:25 pm	Topic 3: Commercial use of Village parks/rec areas working group follow up	“Perfect Minds” software will be in place in January. Motion to table this until November, passed unanimously.
3:35 pm	Topic 4: LMD Bridge discussion on saving plants and trees, drainage and runoff issues in that area	Discussed the general desire to ensure that this project should be sensitive to the area and surrounding parkland. The timing may be important as we as the Parks committee want to be sure to have a voice in the planning, but we need to see more of the plan to have an informed opinion. That opinion and input needs to be early enough that it can be taken into account. Will discuss during the Oct 12 meeting.
3:30 pm	Topic 5: Discussion on proposed dog park	Dog park soil assessment, Scout Park draft proposal Many concerns were discussed including a) impact on adjacent areas in including pool and natural areas, b) slope and erosion potential, c) size and potential to actually provide safe play area to dogs, d) not truly an “exercise” area as described in the proposal because of the size, e) concern

		<p>about dog feces not being properly taken of (a Middleton dog park has had to hire a private contractor to manage excrements because their Public Works crew refused to clean it), f) concern about parking, especially when the pool is open g) a fenced area would be “disjointed” from the rest of the Village esthetic h) concern about diseases that spread at dog parks i)</p> <p>Motion by Roma: “The Parks Committee feels that the change of use of the Scout shack area to a dog park is not appropriate as currently proposed.” 5 yes 0 no.</p> <p>The Parks Committee will request a joint meeting with the Recreation Committee to provide our feedback and have a discussion about the next steps.</p> <p>It was noted that Parks Committee members need to be cognizant of the ways in which they refer to non-Village residents. Our public spaces are public to all and should therefore be welcoming to anyone who would like to enjoy them. It was also noted that not everyone - including hundreds of Village residents - has a front or backyard for their dogs and comparing the size of the proposed dog park to a yard does not take our apartment residents into consideration.</p>
4:30 pm	Close at 5:04 pm	

Resident Input / Communication			
Date	Topic	Resident	Action

Committee Follow-up			
Date	Owner	Action	Completed