



Conservation Committee

Minutes

January 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Via teleconference

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Joshua Liberatore, Henry Tomasiewicz, Bella Peaslee (arrived at 7:21 p.m.), Chuck Hagner, Maggie Pipek, Kendra Carey, Meenal Atre, Pat Wilson, Linda Frank

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Wesley Warren

Not present: Caroline Kuebler, Elisabeth Witt, Donna Pollock and Matt McGovern

2. Approve December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hagner. Tr. Warren needs to be added to the attendance. Vote 8-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Discuss Citizen Concerns

No citizen concerns.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart provided an update on the Shorewood Short video series. Mr. Burkart met with Ms. Beaslee who is beginning to put videos together on salt usage, removing snow from sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, dog waste, and cart placement. The videos will be seasonally focused. We hope to have the videos completed my next month to begin showing the public. Mr. Burkart also reported about proposed donations for dog waste stations and a foot wash station that will go to the Parks Commission. Next month the Committee will begin working on the annual report and prioritization of initiatives. Lastly, Mr. Burkart presented that the North Shore is finalizing an RFP with Peter Murphy to select a vendor for the upcoming solar panel group buy program in 2021.

5. Discuss PSC Grant Application

Mr. Liberatore and Mr. Burkart introduced a grant opportunity through the Public Service Commission. Mr. Burkart reported that the Village would apply to receive funding for alternative roof controls to assist with the HVAC system. Ms. Frank moves to recommend applying for the energy grant through the Public Service Commission. Mr. Tomasiewicz seconded the motion. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

6. Discuss Bird City Application and Consider Approval for Application Fee

Mr. Tomasiewicz began working on the Bird City application. The draft of the application was sent to Mr. Burkart and Mr. Hagner to review. Mr. Burkart mentioned he will work with Mr. Hagner and Mr. Tomasiewicz on some of the changes to the website needed before the application is finalized. Mr. Tomasiewicz proposed taking the lead with the Fin and Feather Festival for 2021. Mr. Burkart suggested the Parks and Public

Spaces might be able to assist with the event, too. There is an opportunity to revision what the festival may look like. Ms. Frank thought there was a possibility of having one of the films for the film festival is about birds. Ms. Atre and Mr. Liberatore will put together an information packet that includes where a business or landlord can get tape for windows to help prevent bird collisions. The packet could be presented at a future BID meeting. Mr. Liberatore moves to approve funding for the Bird City application. Ms. Carey seconds the motion. Motion approved by a 8-0 vote with Mr. Hagner abstaining.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Frank reported she's been putting messages up on the electronic sign outside of the high school as well as the public monitor in Village Center. The current message is about salt usage. Ms. Frank asks Committee members to send ideas to her for other months in 2021. Mr. Liberatore will put out a spreadsheet to circulate with Committee members to get ideas. Ms. Atre had the idea of reaching out to North Shore Bank to see if they would put the Committee's messages on their screens.

8. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

Mr. Liberatore mentioned the concept of doing a virtual environmental film festival. Movies already purchased like From the Waste Up and Symphony of the Soil could be shown through Zoom share screen. Mr. Liberatore and Mr. Burkart tested the video out which worked out well during the test. Ms. Atre volunteered to help with the post screening discussion. Mr. Tomasiewicz mentioned the idea of showing a preview to future environmental films before the showing begins. Mr. Liberatore will finalize the time and details with Ms. Atre and Mr. Burkart.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hagner. Vote 9-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager