



# Parks and Public Spaces Committee

## Minutes

February 9, 2022 6:30 P.M.

via Teleconference

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

**1. Subcommittees meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Parks and Public Spaces Committee meeting.**

**2. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Heather Mansfield, Janee Pederson, Mary Jorgensen, Bonnie Pedraza, Ian Berry, Remy Perez, Hanna Seegers, Donald Lodge, Gary Brunk

Members not present: Eileen Lauer, Remy Perez

Others present: Village Manager Rebecca Ewald, Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Amanda Adrian, Katie Gnau, Seargent Cy Kaderlik, Director Leeann Butschlick

**3. Consider Approval of the December 14, 2021 Minutes**

Trustee Stokebrand would like to correct the minutes—she did not state solar panels in item 9 of the January meeting. Mr. Brunk will correct the minutes. Ms. Pedraza moved to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes as amended. Ms. Seegers seconded the motion. Motion approved by an 9-0 vote.

**4. Staff Liaison Updates**

- a. Ms. Ewald stated that the Atwater Beach lifeguard service agreements were approved and will be available in the 2022 season.
- b. She continues, there has been no update on the 6-month pilot program for dog bag usage. This will be reported at the next meeting.
- c. Ms. Ewald stated that the annual report has been completed and submitted.
- d. Ms. Ewald stated that Mr. Figueroa resigned from the committee. Mr. Brunk asks committee to encourage others who may wish to join to submit their volunteer forms online.

**5. Annual 2021 Update on Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety**

Srgt. Kaderlik presented the data gathered from 2021 on any incidents that involved pedestrian or bicycle safety accidents. Mr. Brunk asked what ‘directed patrols conducted’ means. Srgt. Kaderlik responded that officers usually assign themselves to an intersection, but it is not solely for the purpose of protecting pedestrians, though it is a main goal. Mr. Lodge asked if any of the incidents involved serious injury. Srgt. Kaderlik responded that there was only one head injury, but they were not submitted to the hospital. Ms. Jorgensen asks where the incidents took place. Srgt. Kaderlik responds they took place at Kensington & Oakland. The pedestrian incidents took place at Lake & Oakland and on Capitol Drive by Culvers.

Mr. Brunk asks if there are investigations of certain intersections—where more incidents take place. Sgt. Kaderlik the most problematic areas are on Capitol Drive by the schools, especially west of Oakland Avenue.

Mr. Brunk asked if more data could be supplied for pedestrian and bicycle safety committee. Sgt. Kaderlik responded he can supply those. Mr. Brunk asked Sgt. Kaderlik to supply metrics related to citations. Mr. Lodge also interested in any incidents that take place within the parks.

#### **6. Consider River Park bike/pedestrian connection**

Director Butschlick presented the proposal to connect the pedestrian and bike path in River Park after the completion of the Milwaukee Sewerage District project is completed in 2023. She requests a recommendation from the committee for the Board of Trustees. The financing for the project has already been allocated, and this project would be a good use of those existing funds.

Mr. DeMarco asked if the project will still allow for North and South connections to trails and roads. Director Butschlick responded yes. Mr. Berry stated that this project will be nice since there are a lot of bikers and pedestrians that use those paths—now they won't have to walk through parking lots. Ms. Seegers agrees. Mr. Lodge asked if this project considered the removal of the parking lot and if a parking study was conducted. Director Butshlick responded there was no parking study, but anecdotally the lots are full during peak hours.

Ms. Seegers motions to approve the recommendation. Ms. Mansfield seconds the motion. Motion passes by a 9-0 vote.

#### **7. Discuss Pedestrian Flags**

Mr. Brunk stated that this idea came up at the last meeting. Trustee Strokebrand added that this would be to improve safety along Lake Drive while we wait until the Lake Drive project is completed in 2026. Further, she said that the police chief said the speed radar signs that limit traffic speed are outdated, she mentioned that this could be budgeted for in the upcoming budget request process. Ms. Seegers asks if instead of the mobile signs if permanent radar speed signs could be placed on posts along Lake Drive.

Ms. Jorgensen asked if the signs actually change driver behavior. Mr. Brunk and Ms. Mansfield agree. Ms. Jorgensen will reach out to Whitefish Bay to see if they have data they could supply on the effectiveness of the traffic controls.

Trustee Strokebrand and Ms. Ewald note that Shorewood went on a road diet and that there is a Pedestrian and Bike Safety plan on the Shorewood website. Mr. Brunk asks the Pedestrian and Bike Safety subcommittee to review and discuss and bring up at future meetings.

#### **8. Parks Subcommittee**

Ms. Mansfield stated the main goal this year is to update the Comprehensive Parks plan, so the subcommittee will be hosting one meeting per month to listen to citizen recommendations on the parks. The first will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and will cover River & Humble Parks. On April 26 at 7PM the meeting will review Hubbard Park. May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM will cover Atwater Park. Ms. Mansfield will review the agenda and ask Ms. Ewald to set up remote listening sessions.

**9. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Subcommittee**

Ms. Seegers encouraged others to add to a spreadsheet where the subcommittee is identifying crosswalks with known issues and to assist in monitoring those to address concerns regarding safety. Ms. Gnau recommended including the Business Improvement District and Schools as part of the work.

**10. Other Public Spaces Subcommittee**

Ms. Pedraza stated her subcommittee did not meet since she was the only one attending today's meeting. They will continue their work in dog waste station monitoring. The subcommittee will review and submit a recommendation on whether the stations should remain permanent or not.

**11. Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Brunk stated some members of the community near larger apartment buildings noted there is a lot more dog waste. He will invite those community members to the next meeting. Ms. Pedraza stated her subcommittee could assist in coming with recommendations.

**12. Adjournment.**

Mr. Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pedraza seconded the motion. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald Lodge  
Member of the Parks and Public Spaces Committee