



# Conservation Committee

## Minutes

**April 4, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

Village Hall Committee Room

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Chair Joshua Liberatore, Roland Schroeder, Donna Pollock, Sue Murphy Yerkes, Maggie Pipek, Henry Tomasiewicz, Chase Kelm, Linda Frank (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Caroline Kuebler (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Abigail Widell, and Greta Maierle

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart

Not present: Meenal Atre, Matt McGovern, Elisabeth Witt,

### 2. Approve March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Pollock moved to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tomasiewicz. Vote 8-0 to approve the minutes.

### 3. Staff Liaison Update

Mr. Burkart informed the Committee the Parks Commission selected Mika to be the mascot for the Shorewood Loves Dogs campaign. Mika will attend public events and be the face of the campaign educating residents about the harmful impacts of dog waste in our waterways as well. Mika will also be on campaign materials informing community members about Village ordinances related to dogs. The community survey link is now live. Residents are able to respond to the survey between now and mid-May. The question related to a refuse utility is part of the survey. Lastly, Mr. Burkart updated the Committee about his talks with the school district. The district is only paying roughly \$200 per year on energy costs related to the lights at the tennis courts. There are options to install a button for roughly \$2,500 but it would take 15 minutes for the lights to turn on again. The costs related to LED lighting are too expensive to retrofit all the lighting and poles to accommodate that technology at this time. The school district did send Mr. Burkart and Ms. Pollock a summary of the Honeywell report. The Committee expressed support for having a button at the tennis courts.

### 4. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Ms. Pollock advocated for a future article about a student who is cleaning out the sewer crates on her block. Mr. Burkart will inform the idea with the Shorewood Today editorial board and perhaps run in article in the Village Manager's Memo. Mr. Liberatore provided a brief updated on how this program relates to Shorewood Splash and the Shorewood Waters Project.

### 5. Update on Solar Now initiatives

Mr. Kelm mentioned a guest speaker from Solar Now may be in attendance next month to talk more about this opportunity for the Village and potentially working with the school district. Village staff can help by contacting We Energies to encourage

discussions on this program to occur sooner. Mr. Kelm will send an email to Village Manager Ewald. Mr. Liberatore reported Ms. Witt's comments prior to the meeting about the desire to send a letter to the School Board encouraging them to invest in solar in their facilities. Ms. Pipek would have interest along with Ms. Widell and Ms. Maierle representing the environmental student organization at the high school. The Committee would like to discuss at a future date incorporating a 2020 (or future year) budget request for solar panels and other green infrastructure suggested in the energy audit reports.

**6. Update on 2019 Film Festival**

Last film will be on April 12. There are individual handouts for the last film. Ms. Murphy Yerkes and Ms. Frank provided a summary on the film and guest speakers who will be in attendance.

**7. Discuss Annual Report and Upcoming Priorities**

Mr. Liberatore facilitated a discussion to review last year's annual report and priorities.

**8. Subcommittee Reports**

No reports.

**9. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions**

Blues Egg will be having an egg plate charity where \$1 for each egg plate charity selective foods will be donated to the Friends of Estabrook. The charity is for the entire month of April. The garlic mustard weedout will be later on May 11 at the Nature Preserve. Mr. Schroeder will put together some content for promotion (i.e. Manager's Memo).

**10. Adjournment**

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Pollock. Vote 10-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart  
Assistant Village Manager