



Parks Commission Minutes

April 13, 2021 5:30 P.M.

via Teleconference

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Jenny Vulpas, Kathy Yanoff, Julie Bradisse, Bonnie Pedraza, Enrique Figueroa (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Lybra Loest (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

Members not present: Mark Schill

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on March 9, 2021

Ms. Bradisse moved to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yanoff. Motion approved by 4-0 vote.

3. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission the progress on the Scoop the Poop program. He is working with Tr. Ircink and the donors on finalizing the bags to be used for the program. Once finalized, Village staff will order the stations. Most likely the Commission and staff will need to start recruiting community members to manage the stations in the next month. Mr. Burkart mentioned the Village is still recruiting members to serve on volunteer committees, including the new Parks and Public Spaces Committee. Lastly, Mr. Burkart reported that the Triangle Park design was approved by the Village Board and an additional \$5,000 was allocated towards finding a location for a new flagpole.

4. Discuss and Consider Locations for New Flagpole

The Commission reviewed possible locations for a new flagpole. It was confirmed that several of the other parks currently have a flagpole. Humble Park may be the only park the Village owns that doesn't have a flagpole. Some Commission members questioned the feasibility of that site due to the number of trees in that small space. Some of the Commission members expressed that there may not be another location that would make sense to have a flagpole installed. Mr. Burkart mentioned that the Commission could reach out to the County Parks to see if they have space at Estabrook Park, such as near the Benjamin Church house which currently doesn't have a flagpole. The Commission decided to take the next month to look around the Village to see if there are other locations that make sense and continue the discussion next month.

5. Discuss Timeline for the Comprehensive Park plan

Mr. Burkart reported that current commitments in his work plan and unplanned action items have prevented any additional work to be completed in updating the Comprehensive Park Plan. Knowing the new Parks and Public Spaces Committee will start meeting this summer, Mr. Burkart advocated to wait until then to move forward with reviewing the draft of the updated plan. The Commission expressed support for doing

neighborhood meetings at Atwater, Hubbard, and River Parks to share the design concepts and collect feedback from residents.

6. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Figueroa inquired if the Village owns any property that would be rented out to the north of the Hubbard Lodge. Mr. Burkart informed the Commission that the Village doesn't. Ms. Loest mentioned there has been increased mountain biking traffic on the River Riparian trail and asked if mountain biking is allowed. Mr. Burkart would confirm what the ordinance says about biking on these trails. Mr. Burkart suggested asking Sydney Shimko to attend a future meeting. She coaches the high school mountain biking team; so she could share what the availability of trails is like for mountain bikers in the area.

7. Adjournment.

Mr. Figueroa moved, seconded by Ms. Loest to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager