



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

May 10, 2022 6:30 PM

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

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

2. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Members present: Bonnie Pedraza, Mary Jorgensen, Donald Lodge, Hanna Seegers, Heather Mansfield, Michelle Frazier, Janee Pederson

Members not present: Gary Brunk, Ian Berry, Andrew Strozinsky, Remy Perez, Michael DeMarco

Others present: Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson, Katie Gnau from the Elder Services Advisory Board

3. Consider approval of the March 8 and April 12 meeting minutes

Michelle Frazier made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Heater Mansfield and the motion passed 8-0.

4. Discussion regarding a Committee Vice Chair

Asst. Village Manager Anderson opened the discussion for Committee Chair Gary Brunk's desire to have a Vice Chair selected in the event he cannot attend a meeting. Bonnie Pedraza volunteered to no objections from committee members.

5. Staff Liaison Updates

Asst. Village Manager Chris Anderson shared recent communications to the Village Manager re: if dogs were allowed at the Nature Preserve. The Parks and Public Spaces committee recently performed a detailed signage review and the ordinance includes River, Atwater, and Hubbard Park, but does not include the Nature Preserve. The Nature preserve does not have paved portions- this would be consistent with the essence of the ordinance. Trustee Stokebrand asked for clarity on the signage for the Nature Preserve (hours were the main concern). There is a liability concern and the discussion centered around the essence of the ordinance should be relied upon.

The other topic for discussion centered around picnic tables at Atwater Park. A resident reached out to the Village Manager detailing the efforts of volunteers keeping Atwater Park clean and free of litter. The presence of a picnic table has made that effort difficult. As of the morning of May 10, the picnic table was removed until the Parks and Public Spaces committee could meet to discuss. Trustee Stokebrand shared conversations with the neighbors re: picnic tables at the park and the committee agreed not to add picnic tables. Atwater Park is a lookout and not large enough to be treated as a big park.

6. Parks Updates

Heather Mansfield discussed upcoming parks amenities sessions to cross check the comprehensive parks plan and current conditions to understand the gaps and opportunities of our parks' offerings. The group is targeting on site meetings with the community at Atwater park on June 7 or 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM; at the Nature Preserve on June 21 or 22. To be hosted at the park itself.

7. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

The crosswalk on Lake Dr. will be reviewed by the public works committee on Monday, May 16. Another item of business was discussion on the walk audit, proposed on June 7 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM to assess walkability, safety, and other features of the Village. The Elder Services Advisory Board did this previously with the AARP and it is a good collaboration. There will be a training session for volunteers on what to look for and dividing specific tasks among the group. Small groups of 4 to 5 will be looking at intersections, trip hazards, comfort, and driving habits will be monitored. The need is between 30-40 volunteers to supply the groups with enough folks. The date proposed will also allow volunteers to monitor conditions out of school.

8. Other Public Spaces Updates

Bonnie Pedraza discussed signage to place in businesses on Oakland windows that would promote the Scoop the Poop program- cooperation should not be problematic since it is a good stance. Mary Jorgenson discussed a sign at her building that the property manager would be installing to promote their dog bag use. Bonnie also discussed the banner used at the previous 4th of July parade and passed out biodegradable dog waste bags. Shorewood Farmer's Market also promoted the program at a community booth as well as at the Artisan Market (contact is India McCann). An item for long term consideration is how to finance additional bags in the future to continue the program beyond the one year pilot. Ideas for sponsorships included dog groomers and other local business partners.

9. Discuss and Consider Future Agenda Items

Donald Lodge had a question re: ArcGIS parcels near the Nature Preserve. Two other parcels owned by the village (north and south of the preserve).

Michelle Frazier asked if the Village has ever had Bubbler bike stations. The committee provided the history that they were here previously, but more money was needed and they were removed.

10. Adjournment

Hanna Seegers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janee Pederson and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager