



Parks Commission
Minutes
May 11, 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 5:32 p.m.

Members present: Jenny Vulpas, Kathy Yanoff, Mark Schill, Bonnie Pedraza, Enrique Figueroa, Lybra Loest

Members not present: Julie Bradisse

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Sydney Shimko, Katie Gnau, Michael Maher

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on April 13, 2021

Mr. Figueroa moved to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vulpas. Motion approved by 6-0 vote.

3. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission the progress on the Scoop the Poop program. We are still trying to find a more economical solution. Proposal from donors calls for 2.5 cents per plastic bag, while the cheapest non-plastic bag we have found is over 6 cents per bag. The JP&L Committee reviewed applications for the Parks and Public Spaces Committee. Appointments for the Committee will be considered during the May 17 Village Board meeting. As a result, this probably will be the last Parks Commission meeting. Staff submitted a proposal to Milwaukee County Parks have the Fourth of July fireworks at Estabrook Park soccer fields. Staff anticipates a decision sometime in the next week. The Village staff accepted bids for the canoe launch installation last Friday. Lastly, Mr. Burkart reported that only trails designated for mountain bikes are allowed for the County. Some of the trails, as long as they have signage permitting the activity, allow for biking. Shorewood's Village Code doesn't clarify whether this activity is acceptable or not. The Parks and Public Spaces may want to take a closer look at the Code, provide some language recommendations, and propose some signage outside of the new trail to clarify if biking is permitted. Ms. Sydney Shimko, coach of the high school mountain biking team, was in attendance to speak about the current locations mountain biking is acceptable in the area. Shorewood has one of the largest teams in the state but doesn't have their own trail to practice in their community. Mr. Michael Maher who serves as the Shorewood representative on the Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition cited some of the County language prohibiting bikes on a number of trails.

4. Discuss and Consider Locations for New Flagpole

Ms. Vulpas shared her map that identified the flagpoles she could find in the community's public space. The Commission attempted to find appropriate public space that currently doesn't have a flagpole. Mr. Burkart reported that County Parks doesn't want another flagpole in Estabrook Park, which the Commission originally proposed the Benjamin Church House as a potential location. Some of the locations discussed as

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options include the entrance to the Village on Wilson Dr., the Nature Preserve, the intersection of Ardmore and Alpine, and Menlo Blvd. The Commission also entertained making the recommendation of not replacing the flagpole that is removed at Triangle Park. Mr. Figueroa moved to recommend installing a flagpole at the intersection of Menlo and Downer on the Westside in the boulevard with plantings around the flagpole pending community feedback to be coordinated by Village staff. Ms. Yanoff seconded the motion. Vote approved 6-0.

5. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items.

6. Adjournment.

Ms. Loest moved, seconded by Ms. Pedraza to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager