



Conservation Committee

Minutes

January 4, 2018 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, Sue Murphy Yerkes, Donna Pollock, Henry Tomasiewicz, Roland Schroeder, Elisabeth Witt (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Linda Frank (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Caroline Kuebler, and Carolyn Morse

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Village Manager Rebecca Ewald, Tr. Davida Amenta

Not present: Chase Kelm, Meenal Atre

2. Approve December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Morse moved to approve the December 7, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tomasiewicz. Vote 7-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Updates

Mr. Burkart updated the Conservation Committee on the Lake Drive lane configuration public meeting for January 17. In addition, the Parks Commission is inviting 1-2 members from the Conservation Committee to attend their next meeting to discuss the split partnership of adopting a section of the Milwaukee Riverway. Ms. Pollock and Mr. Tomasiewicz volunteer to attend the meeting. The International Migratory Bird Resolution will be on the January 8 Village Board agenda. There was an inquiry about an update on snow dumping. Mr. Burkart mentioned this report would be available for the Conservation Committee to review by March.

4. Discuss Citizen Concerns

There was discussion about doing an informational campaign to increase awareness on the appropriate amount of salt to use for snow and ice control on public sidewalks. Mr. Schroeder will work with Ms. Frank and Mr. Tomasiewicz on crafting a message to address the concern.

5. Discuss Environmental Film Festival Planning and Promotion

Mr. Liberatore worked with the committee on assigning places to distribute and hang up film festival posters and postcards throughout the community. Mr. Liberatore asked to have a few speakers for the second and third films. Mr. Kelm will be having some speakers at the first film. There was discussion about the film format incorporating an introduction, speakers, and a group discussion. The committee agreed to invite elementary school groups to come and do another bake sale at the film festival. Mr. Burkart will create an event for the upcoming films and send a link out to the committee.

6. Update on Community Solar Survey and Renewable Energy Initiatives

Mr. Kelm and Mr. Liberatore will meet with the new Village Planner to discuss some opportunities to include a loan for renewable energy initiatives. This will be discussed more at length during the February meeting.

7. Report from DPW Liaison

Ms. Frank provided a report to the Conservation Committee about her recent discussions with DPW, including the amount of phosphorous being found in the sewer system from fallen leaves. Potential legislation and permitting requirements may require leaves to be bagged in the future. There was discussion about the Asian Jumping Worm and its impact on the issue of leaf collection. The committee determined to wait for the DNR ruling before making any recommendations or next steps.

8. Discuss Possible Rain Garden Education Event

There is no new update on this item.

9. Discuss Collaborative Projects with other Village Committees

Mr. Liberatore mentioned Mr. Kelm's idea of a scrap metal rodeo. It would be a community event where metal artists and welders take scrap metal and create art in a day around the community. The art would then be auctioned off. This idea would be jointly worked on with the Public Art Committee.

10. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

February is the Backyard Bird Count. There was brief discussion about the market for recyclable materials.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Pollock. Vote 9-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager