



# Conservation Committee

## Minutes

**March 7, 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. The Committee went around giving introductions.

Members present: Chair Joshua Liberatore, Roland Schroeder, Donna Pollock, Sue Murphy Yerkes, Maggie Pipek, Elisabeth Witt, Henry Tomasiewicz, Meenal Atre (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Matt McGovern (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Abigail Widell, and Greta Maierle

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Davida Amenta

Not present: Linda Frank, Caroline Kuebler, and Chase Kelm

### **2. Approve February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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

### **3. Guest Speaker from School District about Referendum – Paru Shah**

School Board President Paru Shah along with School District staff member Patrick Miller presented on some of the potential facility improvements related to the referendum. Ms. Shah and Mr. Miller informed the Committee on the process they utilized to formulate the referendum question and priorities listed in the proposed referendum. There were some questions about solar and if the School District would have any interest in participating in the Solar Now program.

### **4. Staff Liaison Update**

Mr. Burkart informed the Committee the Parks Commission received 36 dog applications to be the mascot of the Shorewood Loves Dogs campaign. Judging to select the mascot will be March 12. The dog will be used for marketing materials and attend public events throughout the year. Shorewood Splash will be Saturday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mr. Kelm presented the solar survey results to the Village Board a few weeks ago. The next steps will entail the Committee discussing how to proceed during the upcoming prioritization process. Mr. Liberatore attended the Committee Chair meeting on February 21 to collaborate on different items and provide feedback to the Village Manager and officials. Mr. Liberatore met with Mr. Hammond of the CDA on the green development initiative checklist as well as a representative from the Library on the Better Buildings Challenge Energy Efficiency Assessment. Lastly, Mr. Burkart provided an update on the snow dumping on River Park and how that space is fully filled with snow. Milwaukee County granted parking lot space in Lincoln Park and Estabrook Park for us to utilize for the remaining time this winter cycle for the Village.

**5. Discuss Citizen Concerns**

The Committee briefly discussed the comments from the School District related to solar power. The Committee would like to continue discussions with the School District to further commit to solar power through a letter to be sent to the School Board. The letter can be sent after the referendum and have the Committee provide some recommendations for the architect to consider if the referendum is approved. There may be some interest in having the Eco Club at the high school to help partner on the letter and research.

**6. Update on 2019 Film Festival**

Ms. Murphy Yerkes and Ms. Atre provided an update on the lineup and speakers for the Cowspiracy film on March 15. Mr. Burkart will print out flyers for Committee members to hand out promoting the films.

**7. Update on Better Buildings Challenge Energy Efficiency Assessment of Library**

Mr. McGovern gave an update on the free energy audit through the Better Buildings Challenge. The Village Center and the Village Hall spaces were assessed. The top recommendations for the Village Center include two different lighting upgrades and an improvement in the roof unit controls for the HVAC system. Most of the payback for the lighting upgrades is estimated to be 2 ½ years. The Village will need to reach out to We Energies to assess how solar could be installed for the public buildings.

**8. Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Atre provided a brief update on the Library paper and BPA / BPS contents. Ms. Atre is working with Library Director Rachel Collins and the Milwaukee County Library system to potentially switch its paper distributed to all area libraries. Mr. Burkart will inquire about the paper at Village Hall with customer service.

Sendiks at Downer have some interest in participating in the Boomerang Bags program.

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

No other news or events to report.

**10. Adjournment**

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Witt. Vote 10-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart  
Assistant Village Manager