



MINUTES - SHOREWOOD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Village Board Meeting
June 3, 2019

1. Call to Order

President Rozek called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:47 p.m. in the Court Room.

2. Roll Call

President Rozek called the roll. Present: Trustees Davida Amenta, Tammy Bockhorst, Jessica Carpenter, Michael Maher, Ann McKaig and Wesley Warren.

Others Present: Village Attorney Nathan Bayer, Village Manager Rebecca Ewald, Planning and Development Director Bart Griepentrog, Public Works Director Leeann Butschlick, Deputy Clerk/Customer Service Director Diane DeWindt-Hall, Finance Director/Treasurer Mark Emanuelson

3. Statement of Public Notice

Clerk Bruckman stated that the meeting had been posted and noticed according to law.

4. Special Order of Business

a. 2018 CAFR & Financial Statement Audit Presentation – Dan Berg, Sikich.

Mr. Sikich took questions on the information provided in the packet.

The Village finished the year in a better financial position than it started.

Some Village Board members inquired how do reserve numbers equate to other villages?

Mr. Sikich explained OPEB Liability service and interest cost, there is benefit payments that are negative. What are service cost? Post-employment benefits former employees staying on the Village's insurance.

Some Village Board members questioned TIDs transfer out to the debt service fund, the transfer is equal for TID 1 but other TID funds why do they differ? Mark would review in more detail for definitive answer.

5. Citizens to be heard – This item is for matters not on the agenda. Discussion may follow comment on non-agenda items or discussion and action may come at future meetings.

Ellen Eckman, 2500 E Beverly, Shorewood, 53211; Commented on the process of appointing, reappointing and ending the terms of the various board, committee and commission volunteers. Expressed her disappointment in the unceremonious way it was handled. Challenged the Board to be transparent and reminded the Board of the importance of allowing longer terms in order for the volunteers to develop relationships to better accomplish goals.

Hannah Fischer-Brokmeier, 4313 N. Woodburn, Shorewood, 53211; Commented on the sidewalk program; the way information is being disseminated. Does not want to rely on Facebook to find information. Commented that while the sidewalks have been marked, there has been no communication from the Village with regard to costs, etc.

Jeri Dietrich, 4416 N Ardmore, Shorewood, 53211; Commented on the sidewalk markings being inconsistent. Does not want the program delayed, but does feel the criteria needs to be revisited.

Karen de Hartog, 4537 N. Sheffield, Shorewood, 53211; Provided history of the property at 3534 N. Lake Drive that is being considered for demolition by the current owner. While not designated a historic home, it is one that most certainly could be. It is an integral part of Shorewood history. Recognizes that the Village Board is very limited in what it can do to stop the project. Will continue as a group to try to change Mr. Abele's mind—through surveys, TV and other methods. Expressed thanks to Village Manager Ewald for the thoughtful explanation of the Design Review Board and Plan Commission process. Asked that this information be included in the Village Manager's memo. Encouraged the Village Board to build on policy and to consider the process of designating a historic preservation commission.

Catherine Flaherty, 2500 E Newton, Shorewood, 53211; Echoed Ms. de Hartog's comments. Reflected on the historic value of the architecture and the lost to the community. Suggested inviting Mr. Abele to do a public hearing about the proposed project.

Kathy Keen, 4412 N Woodburn, Shorewood, 53211; Commented that this home is unique; it is the entrance to the Village and speaks to everything that is unique about Shorewood. Noted that in 2005 it was part of the Historic Places tour and in 2007 it was the Breast Cancer house.

Elizabeth Witt, 4456 N Ardmore, Shorewood, 53211; Recognized that there is probably nothing that can be done about the current situation. Encouraged the Village Board to review ordinances, historic preservation commission for the future.

6. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Accept Presentation of Accounts – June 3, 2019
- b. Consider Village Board & Committee of the Whole minutes – May 20, 2019
- c. Consider 2019 Committee Appointments for Business Improvement District, Community Development Authority, Recreation Advisory Committee, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.
- d. Consider Application for Special Privilege Approval for outdoor seating in the sidewalk public right of way at MalamaDoe, 4465 N. Oakland Ave.
- e. Consider License Renewals for the following:
 1. "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
 - a. Walgreen Co. d/b/a Walgreens #15188, PO Box 901, Deerfield IL 60015, 4035 N Oakland Avenue
 - b. Russian Food and Gifts, Inc. 3557 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 2. Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses
 - a. North Shore Pharmacy Inc. d/b/a Thompson's Serv-U Pharmacy, 1421 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood WI 53211
 3. Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses
 - a. Benji's Deli LLC d/b/a Benji's Deli, 4156 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood WI 53211
 - b. MOD SuperFast Pizza (Wisconsin), LLC d/b/a MOD SuperFast Pizza, 2035 158th Court NE, Suite200, Bellevue WA 98008, 4151 N Oakland Ave
 - c. St. Robert Parish, 4019 N Farwell Ave, Shorewood WI 53211
 4. "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
 - a. Blackbird Mercantile d/b/a Draft & Vessel, 4417 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - b. Brat Shorewood, LLC d/b/a Milwaukee Brat House, 4022 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood WI 53211
 - c. East Garden LLC d/b/a East Garden, 3600 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - d. Normco d/b/a Harry's Bar & Grill, 3549 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood WI 53211
 - e. Hubbard Park Lodge LLC d/b/a Hubbard Park Lodge, 2730 N Humboldt Blvd,

- Milwaukee WI 53211, 3565 N Morris Blvd
- f. La Orangerie, LLC d/b/a North Shore Boulangerie, 4401 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - g. NSR, LLC d/b/a North Star American Bistro, 4518 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - h. Thief Wine LLC d/b/a Thief Wine Shop & Bar, 400 N Water St, Milwaukee WI 53202, 4512 N Oakland Avenue
 - i. Three Lions Pub LLC d/b/a Three Lions Pub, 4515 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - j. Tong Hui, Inc. d/b/a William Ho's Restaurant, 3524 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - k. True Light Promotions, LLC d/b/a Falbo Bros. Pizzeria, 2213 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood WI 53211
 - l. VIREO, Inc. d/b/a The City Market, 2205 E Capitol Drive, Shorewood WI 53211
5. Reserve Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
 - a. Camp Bar, Inc. d/b/a Camp Bar, Inc., 4044 N Oakland Avenue. Shorewood WI 53211
 - b. Camp Bar, Inc. d/b/a Camp Bar, Inc., 2107 E Capitol Drive, Shorewood WI 53211
 - c. Crispy Browns LLC, d/b/a Blue's Egg, 4195 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - d. Mega Marts LLC, d/b/a Metro Markets #6893, 4075 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - e. NaNa Fusion Japanese Restaurant Inc., d/b/a NaNa Fusion Japanese Restaurant, 4511 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211
 - f. Village Pub of Shorewood LLC d/b/a Cloud Red, 2659 N Terrace Ave, Milwaukee WI 53211, 4488 N Oakland Avenue
 6. Class C Wine Licenses
 - a. MOD Super-Fast Pizza (Wisconsin), LLC d/b/a MOD Super-Fast Pizza, 2035 158th Court NE, Suite200, Bellevue WA 98008, 4151 N Oakland Ave.
 7. Secondhand Dealer/Pawnbroker Licenses
 - a. ecoATM, 10121 Barnes Canyon Rd., San Diego, CA 92121, 4075 N Oakland Ave (inside Metro Market)
 - b. Swanky Seconds, 2223 E Capitol Drive
 8. Dry Cleaners
 - a. Capitol Cleaners, 2101 E Capitol Drive
 9. Cigarettes/Tobacco
 - a. Walgreen Co. d/b/a Walgreens, #15188, PO Box 901, Deerfield IL 60015, 4035 N Oakland Avenue
 - b. Mega Marts LLC, d/b/a Metro Markets #6893, 4075 N Oakland Avenue
 - c. Village Petroleum, d/b/a Amstar, 4000 N Wilson Drive
 - d. Lakeshore Mobil Inc., 2521 E Capitol Drive
 - e. Roettgers Company Inc., d/b/a Shorewood Mobil, 1513 E Capitol Drive
 - f. Royal Nepal LLC, d/b/a BP on Oakland, 3624 N Oakland Avenue
 - f. Consider Transportation and Parking Analysis Technical Advisory Group nominations.
 - g. Consider authorization to hire for DPW.

Tr. Amenta moved, seconded by Tr. Warren to approve the consent agenda. Tr. Bockhorst requested removing item 6b, Tr. Maher requested removing items 6c, and 6e5c and President Rozek requested removing items 6e5d, and 6e7 off the consent agenda. Motion carried 7 – 0 with items 6b, 6c, 6e5c, 6e5d, and 6e7 removed.

7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

6b. Consider Village Board & Committee of the Whole minutes – May 20, 2019

Tr. Bockhorst removed from the consent agenda item 6b, the May 20, 2019 minutes. Tr. Bockhorst would like to correct the suggested changes to the May 20, 2019 minutes. The portion of the minutes in question was: “Future items of consideration; discussion with Tr. Bockhorst mentioned she did not trust the review was delivered on Village Manager review wrap-up. Tr. Bockhorst brought up reviewing the appointment process for standing committee assignments and would not make a motion, so President Rozek made the motion and there was no second. Change the last sentence to say President Rozek moved to review the process for standing committee assignments, failed for lack of a second.”

Ms. Bockhorst voiced her concern about being editorialized in her absence from the May 20 meeting. Ms. Bockhorst stated there was not a requirement for her to make a motion during the May 6 meeting. Ms. Bockhorst requested the Village Board reconsider the May 20, 2019 minutes to accurately reflect the conversation that took place on May 6.

Attorney Bayer questioned if there was video of the conversation that is in question. There is not a video from the May 6, 2019 meeting, but there is video from the May 20, 2019 meeting when the request for the May 6 minutes to be amended took place. Attorney Bayer clarified a motion to reconsider the minutes would need to be made by any Village Board member who voted on the approval of the May 6 minutes.

Tr. McKaig moved, seconded by Tr. Warren to reconsider the May 6, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 5 – 2 with President Rozek and Tr. Carpenter voting nay.

Geoff Davidian, 4101 N. Prospect, Shorewood, 53211; questioned who was responsible for taking the portion of the minutes that is in question in the Clerk’s absence? Ms. Ewald explained she had taken them.

Some Village Board members questioned if only the five who were present could vote or all seven members of the Village Board. Attorney Bayer clarified all Village Board members who were present at the original meeting could vote on the reconsideration.

Clerk Bruckman clarified May 20, 2019 is the meeting the Village Board took action to approve the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes with the proposed changes. Two Village Board members were absent at the May 20 meeting and all Village Board members were present at the May 6, 2019 Village Board meeting.

President Rozek clarified for members of the audience’s understanding, that reconsideration needs to take place at the meeting immediately following approval.

Tr. Bockhorst moved, seconded by Tr. McKaig to defer the discussion of the May 20, 2019 Village Board minutes until after agenda item 9c. Motion failed 3 – 4 with Tr. Bockhorst, Maher and McKaig voting aye.

Attorney Bayer clarified what is being reconsidered is the approval of the Village Board minutes from May 6, 2019.

The Village Board took up discussion about the May 6, 2019 minutes.

It was noted by Tr. Carpenter the following motion was missing from the May 6, 2019 minutes: “Tr. McKaig moved, seconded by Tr. Warren to have a review wrap-up session with the Village Manager. Motion carried 5 – 2. It was also noted Tr. Carpenter requested to include that Tr. Bockhorst did not trust the Village Manager review process between the Judiciary, Personnel & Licensing Chair and Village President. Tr. Bockhorst requested to include the

Village Board discussed there would be a wrap-up previously with the Village Manager and full Village Board as a standard operating procedure in human resources. Tr. Amenta requested to include Tr. Bockhorst brought up reviewing the appointment process and standing committee assignments. It was agreed to include Tr. Amenta strongly requested Tr. Bockhorst to make a motion. Tr. Bockhorst said we will discuss this at a later date. President Rozek moved to review the appointment process for the standing committees' assignments at the next Village Board meeting, motion failed for lack of a seconded.

President Rozek moved to call to question. Call to question carried 7 – 0.

The motion to approve the May 6, 2019 as amended carried 5 – 2 with Tr. Amenta and President Rozek voting nay.

Tr. Amenta voiced concern that President Rozek's motion in the May 6, 2019 meeting may not have been accurately reflected.

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. Bockhorst to defer consideration of the May 20, 2019 Village Board minutes until the next Village Board meeting. Motion fails 3 – 4 with Tr. Bockhorst, Maher, and McKaig voting aye.

Tr. Amenta moved, seconded by President Rozek to approve the May 20, 2019 Village Board minutes.

Tr. Bockhorst moved to amend, seconded by Tr. Warren to strike item 7 in the May 20, 2019 minutes and reflect the discussion from the amended May 6, 2019 minutes. Amendment carries 5 – 2 with President Rozek and Tr. Amenta voting nay.

The motion as amended: to approve the May 20, 2019 Village Board minutes and to strike item 7 and reflect the discussion from the amended May 6, 2019 minutes. Motion carries 4 – 3 with President Rozek, Tr. Amenta and Tr. Carpenter voting nay.

6c; Consider 2019 Committee Appointments for Business Improvement District, Community Development Authority, Recreation Advisory Committee, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.

President Rozek requested Attorney Bayer to summarize his memo included in the June 3, 2019 Village Board packet.

Tr. Maher voiced concerned the term resolution has not been amended and would like the Village Board to revisit the process.

Attorney Bayer clarified term is different than the maximum amount of time someone can serve. Once a term is up, the Village President has the discretion to reappoint or nominate someone else to fill that position. President Rozek clarified the appointments have been consistent with serving two full terms or being reappointed if serving only one term.

Tr. Maher commented in reviewing the list, there are two people who do not have applications on file; I've heard consistency, transparency, and the same process being used. Two individuals have not followed that process; they also do not match the BID Board's appointment recommendations.

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. McKaig to approve the slate of candidates with removing David Price, Desty Lorino, and Gene Webb. Vote was not taken, discussion ensued.

Some Village Board members voiced concern that the slate of candidates contradicts that the Board has been trying to work together as a unified front.

Tr. Amenta moved to call to question. Call to question fails 1 – 6 with Tr. Amenta voting aye.

President Rozek addressed the qualifications of those chosen. The CDA nomination is a realtor, since there is not one currently on the CDA. The BID choices were focused on the Oakland Ave. food and beverage industry.

Some Village Board members voiced their disagreement with last year's process and not listening to the BID Board's recommendation.

President Rozek moved to call to question. Call to question fails 2 – 6 with President Rozek and Tr. Amenta voting aye.

Geoff Davidian, 4101 N. Prospect Ave., Shorewood, 53211; questioned if the Village President nominates someone and the Village Board does not approve, does the person in that position now continue to serve. Yes. Can the Board put some on a board or commission that the Village President has not nominated? Not with respect to any appointment where it says it is to be appointed by the Village President but subject to Board approval.

Donna Pollock, 4395 N. Alpine Ave., Shorewood, 53211; expressed everyone should have an opportunity to serve on a Board, Committee, and Commission. Village Board members should be speaking respectfully to each other.

Ellen Eckman, 2500 E. Beverly Rd., Shorewood, 53211; there has always been an application process for committee appointments and it is important to have people with experience on the committees to continue moving projects forward.

BID Director Ericka Lang explained there are 265 businesses in the Village, 33 of those are food and beverage. The BID Board recognized the need to balance the membership against the categories and types of businesses formed an outreach committee seeking applications from interested businesses. Ms. Lang expressed concern on the food and beverage representation portion of the BID Board makeup.

Ms. Ewald clarified there was a meeting March 19 with the Village Manager, Village Clerk, Village President, BID Director and BID President to discuss appointments. That meeting resulted in the first memo from the BID in reference to appointments.

President Rozek remarked there was another meeting scheduled that was cancelled.

Ms. Lang remarked after the April BID meeting, the BID Board felt there was inappropriate discussion and pseudo threats the BID Board decided it would be in their best interest not to hold a meeting at that time.

Ms. Lang requested the Village Board to consider appointing someone from Northwoods to the BID Board as that company can provide digital marketing solutions.

The Village Board recessed at 9:57 p.m.

The Village Board reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

President Rozek remarked if you don't have an application for some certain qualifications, the Village President is able to reach out to individuals to find that qualification.

Tr. Bockhorst remarked the President is not the authority on what the BID or other committees need; the President has the power to appoint but also the right to listen to recommendations.

Vote was taken on the motion: to approve the slate of candidates with removing David Price, Desty Lorino, and Gene Webb. Motion failed 3 – 4 with Tr. Bockhorst, Maher, and McKaig voting aye.

Tr. Amenta moved, seconded by Tr. Carpenter to approve the slate of candidates for the Business Improvement District, Community Development Authority, Recreation Advisory Committee, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.

Tr. Warren moved to amend the motion, seconded by Tr. McKaig to pend the appointments of Desty Lorino and Gene Webb until they submit an application for review. Amendment carries 4 – 3 with Tr. Bockhorst, Tr. Maher, and Tr. McKaig voting nay.

Motion as amended: approve the slate of candidates for the Business Improvement District, Community Development Authority, Recreation Advisory Committee, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee and to pend the appointments of Desty Lorino and Gene Webb until they submit an application for review. Motion carries 4 – 3 with Tr. Bockhorst, Tr. Maher, and Tr. McKaig voting nay.

6e5c; Consider License Renewals for the following: Reserve Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses; Crispy Browns LLC, d/b/a Blue’s Egg, 4195 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211

Tr. Maher inquired if the renewal lists their outdoor seating in the premise description. Clerk Bruckman explained yes.

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. Bockhorst to approve Reserve Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses; Crispy Browns LLC, d/b/a Blue’s Egg, 4195 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211. Motion carried 7 – 0.

6e5d; Consider License Renewals for the following: Reserve Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses Mega Marts LLC, d/b/a Metro Markets #6893, 4075 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211.

President Rozek requested to investigate the possibility if Metro Market would better qualify for a different license.

Tr. Amenta moved, seconded by Tr. Carpenter to defer approving Reserve Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Licenses Mega Marts LLC, d/b/a Metro Markets #6893, 4075 N Oakland Avenue, Shorewood WI 53211 to our next meeting and request staff to review the possibility of a Class B fermented and Class C wine license. Motion carried 7 – 0.

6e7; Consider License Renewals for the following; Secondhand Dealer/Pawnbroker Licenses a.ecoATM, 10121 Barnes Canyon Rd., San Diego, CA 92121, 4075 N Oakland Ave (inside Metro Market)

b. Swanky Seconds, 2223 E Capitol Drive

President Rozek moved, seconded by Tr. Amenta to move item 9b; Consider Resolution 2019-11 related to the Replacement of Sidewalks and Carriage Walks in 2019. Motion carried 6 – 1 with Tr. Bockhorst abstaining.

The Village Board took up item 9b

8. Public Hearing(s) - None
9. New Business

- a. Consider Ordinance 3000 – Repealing and Replacing Subpart “A” of Section 18, “Service Piping for Meter Settings,” of Chapter 514, “Water and Sewers.”

Ms. Butschlick explained the following from her memo: The water meter replacement project will include the replacement of approximately 3,300 residential meters. Chapter 514 Article IV of the Shorewood Village Code addresses meter requirements; §514-18 outlines the responsibilities of the private utility customer related to the ownership and maintenance of the service piping (plumbing) connections to and from the Utility-owned water meter.

proposed modifications to §514-18 (A) which clarifies and modernizes the plumbing language references related to meter connections. A suggested ordinance is also attached.

Please recall that §514-12 (B) of the Shorewood Village Code outlines the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the water service connections:

B. The water service lateral pipe from the main to and through the water service shutoff valve/isolation valve will be maintained and kept in repair and, when worn out, replaced at the expense of the Utility. The property owner shall maintain the water service lateral pipe from the water service shutoff valve/isolation valve to the point of use.

The proposed language modifications to 514-18 (A) do not impact or alter the water service ownership responsibilities, but clarify the required plumbing connection and configuration at the meter connection.

Utility Forman Dave Kunze demonstrated the water meter model and what the updates would be.

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. Bockhorst to approve Ordinance 3000 – Repealing and Replacing Subpart “A” of Section 18, “Service Piping for Meter Settings,” of Chapter 514, “Water and Sewers.” Motion carried 7 – 0 by a roll call vote.

- b. Consider Resolution 2019-11 related to the Replacement of Sidewalks and Carriage Walks in 2019. (meeting #3)

Public Works Committee Chair Tr. Maher introduced the topic. There were four alternatives presented with general consensus being for alternative option 3; no formal action required at this time. Direction to staff to develop and propose new replacement criteria for Village Board consideration at the June 17, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Butschlick explained the difference this year isn’t the criteria but the way it’s been applied. Staff would bring back revised criteria that is not as stringent as the current criteria. That would allow the Village to have a set of agreed upon principles for sidewalk replacement. The intent would be to develop criteria to reflect how it has previously been applied. It may not be necessary to have standards as strict to maintain public safety.

It was noted the Director of Public Works suggested the criteria needs to be modified.

Anastasia Brokmeier, 4313 N Woodburn St., Shorewood, 53211; would like the sidewalks to be reevaluated.

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. McKaig that no formal action required at this time. Direct staff to develop and propose new replacement criteria for Village Board consideration at the June 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 6-1 with President Rozek voting nay.

The Village Board moved to item 9a.

- c. Consider communication plan policies 4-5: Social Media and Public Buildings.
This agenda item is moved to a fall Committee of the Whole.

10. Reports of Village Officials

- a. Village President – None
- b. Village Trustees – None
- c. Village Manager – Acknowledgement of denied trail connection and retention of easement for The Oaks development

11. Items for future consideration –

Tr. Maher moved, seconded by Tr. Carpenter that the Village Board should schedule to discuss some type of action or response to the demolition of the home on Lake Drive. Motion fails 3 – 4 with Tr. Bockhorst, Carpenter and Maher voting aye.

The following items will carry over to the June 17, 2019 Village Board agenda
6e7 a & b, 9c, and 10 a,b,c.

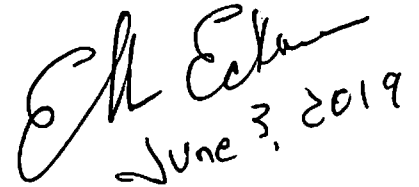
12. Adjournment

President Rozek moved and Tr. Amenta seconded to adjourn at 11:24 p.m. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Bruckman, CMC/WCMC
Village Clerk

Good Evening
Ellen Eckman
2500 E. Beverly Road
Shorewood


June 3, 2019

Speaking on an issue that concerns me and I have reason to believe is important to other village volunteers. I believe in the importance of civic participation and civic engagement and have volunteered for Village work for a long time. My first position was on the original Conservation Committee in the late 1970's/1980's. I served for 3 terms on that committee as we worked together to begin a recycling program. We used volunteer parents/community members to drive the DPW trucks to pick up newspapers on Saturdays... it was a long time ago! But when my three terms were completed I was invited to a Village Board meeting, recognized, and even given a little memento.

This is a far cry from what just happened to me and I suspect other committee volunteers. I was unceremoniously told my term of service was completed. I was surprised as I had only served 2 terms and I had heard nothing about a change in the length of service. At first I was told I had served a longer time frame – and that the records showed that I began on Parks Commission in 2010 – but as I pointed out to Rebecca and others, I was a Village Trustee at that time and certainly not a volunteer committee member.

For a Board that talks about transparency and valuing community input, that is clearly not what happened in this case. I received no written notice and no official phone call to explain that there had been a change in policy regarding the length of service on committees.

So imagine how surprised and to be honest, unvalued that I felt when I went to the May 21 meeting and was told that was my final meeting. No notice so that I could have properly thanked my committee members, no Board recognition of service.

I am not asking for recognition after the fact. I don't need or want that. But I have yet to hear a good argument for why you would change the policy on length of service without contacting the existing committee members to learn about their needs/desires/expectations for service. Committees don't meet that often –

1 time a month – so maybe 7 or 8 meetings/year. It takes a while for a committee to learn to work together, to set goals, to understand processes and to move forward. When you change membership, committees can lose their momentum as well as deep knowledge and understandings.

So, I challenge you to rethink how you have proceeded on this matter. I challenge you to seek information from those serving on committees. To value their work and contributions, to acknowledge their value and to be transparent about what you really want from the committees.

I will continue to volunteer my service – I told you I'm civic minded. I am currently on the Board of Review – a statutory committee that meets a once or twice in the summer. It's a technical type committee. I volunteered because I knew that not many people want to be on this committee and that it is important work. My appointment expires in May 2020. Should I be concerned that I will not be reappointed? Will my training for the committee be valued?

I suggest that you put on your future agendas a discussion on developing relationships with committee volunteers, learning from them and valuing their time and service for Shorewood. If you'd like some help with that, I volunteer my services.