



Parks Commission
Minutes
June 10, 2020 5:00 P.M.

via Teleconference
3920 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members present: Jenny Vulpas, Bonnie Pedraza, Mark Schill, Kathy Yanoff (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Julie Bradisse and Lybra Loest (arrived at 5:28 p.m.)

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Community and Recreation Department Director Jody Brooks, Russ Davis, Susan Scott, Barbara Kiely Miller, John Ward

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on March 10, 2020

Ms. Pedraza moved to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schill. Motion approved by 4-0 vote.

3. Discuss Comprehensive Plan Update for River Park and Hubbard Park

Mr. Burkart introduced the topic of updating the Comprehensive Park Plan. He mentioned bocce ball has been proposed as an initiative by multiple Village Trustees. The size of the court was discussed in an attempt to visualize the special needs of a court. The Commission discussed the south-west corner of River Park, which to them is the only logical location. Mr. Burkart mentioned the sewer project at River Park may interfere with doing the bocce courts any time in the near future. The terrain in Hubbard Park doesn't allow for a good location for bocce courts. There was an inquiry about adding bocce courts at one of the schools so that students could play during their lunch hour. The Commission mentioned they thought the Hubbard Park Beer Garden might make the most sense. Ms. Vulpas and Mr. Schill volunteered to meet Mr. Burkart and Mr. Davis at Hubbard Park Beer Garden to review the potential locations there. Mr. Burkart mentioned Mr. Davis expressed concern of parking if additional amenities were added at Hubbard Park.

The Commission provided the additional following feedback on changing the plan:

- Removing the skate park since the one at Estabrook Park is utilized by Shorewood community members
- Review proposed amenities along the southern edge of River Park to see which items are no longer feasible due to the sewer construction project.

The Commission considered the conceptual idea of a second baseball diamond at River Park. Due to the impact of soccer, the Commission decided not to proceed with changing the plan to incorporate a second baseball diamond. The Commission mentioned, though, they hope that both user groups continue to talk to each other to see if there are ways the groups can help out each other.

The Commission provided feedback to reorganize the plan so that all information about a park are in the same section. In addition, there was an idea to assure there is continuity

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with all the park amenities as one goes from park to park. Lastly, there was a request to amend the map in the Hubbard Park report to incorporate the river trail going north of the park as well as address the greenway trail connectivity in the southern area of Hubbard Park.

4. Future Agenda Items and Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting would be July 14 at 5:30 p.m.

5. Adjournment.

Ms. Pedraza moved, seconded by Ms. Bradisse to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager