



Parks Commission
Minutes
September 15, 2020 5:30 P.M.

via Teleconference
3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Members present: Jenny Vulpas, Kathy Yanoff, Julie Bradisse and Lybra Loest.

Members not present: Enrique Figueroa, Mark Schill, Bonnie Pedraza

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on August 18, 2020

Ms. Bradisse moved to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loest. Motion approved by 4-0 vote.

3. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission that the Village Board will be conducting a number of budget sessions. In addition, the Judiciary, Personnel, and Licensing Committee is reviewing the possibility consolidating the Parks Commission and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee into a Public Spaces committee so that the two groups can combine and streamline their efforts. A joint meeting of the two committees will be completed in October to get feedback on the concept.

4. Discuss and Consider Comprehensive Plan Update for Atwater Park

Mr. Burkart confirmed that the additional proposed trail down the southern end of the bluff nor the pavilion would be very feasible considering the recent conditions of the bluff. Mr. Burkart also confirmed the current paved trail is not ADA accessible. There was some expressed concern of the current gravel on top of the park and should pursue better long-term options. The Commission compared the initiatives in the 2015 Comprehensive Park Plan to the 2010 Atwater Park Plan. The Commission mentioned the vision should be more specific about moving the flagpole to the proposed Veterans Memorial location.

5. Discuss Triangle Park Flagpole and Potential Seating Areas

Mr. Burkart shared with the Commission the recent discussions with the Shorewood Woman's Club. The Club is still reviewing the Commission's request about the flagpole at Triangle Park. The flagpole will be moved or removed sometime in 2021. There was thought about having clubs donate funds for more shade trees with plaques below the trees recognizing the donor. There was also discussion about incorporating art involving the theme of equity and inclusion.

6. Future Agenda Items

The next meeting will be October 13, 2020, which will be a joint meeting with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.

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7. Adjournment.

Ms. Loest moved, seconded by Ms. Yanoff to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager