



Conservation Committee

Agenda

Thursday, October 6, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Village Center Lower-level Meeting Room

1. Call to order
2. Consider Approval of September 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Discuss Citizen Concerns
4. Staff Liaison Updates
5. Updates from chair on follow-up items from September and other subcommittee initiatives
6. Subcommittee Reports
7. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions
8. Adjournment

DATED at Shorewood, Wisconsin this 29th day of September, 2022.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD

Toya Harrell

Village Clerk

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Conservation Committee Minutes September 1, 2022 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Members present: Joshua Liberatore, Adelais Burkholder, Joey Sprague, Charles Hagner, Diego Murphy, Joe Shaffer, Elisabeth Witt, Matt McGovern, Erin Povak, Linda Frank, Maggie Pipek

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Meenal Atre, Henry Tomasiewicz, Caroline Kuebler

2. Consider Approval of July 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Sprague, seconded by Ms. Pipek. The motion to approve carried 10-0.

3. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Mr. Liberatore described the structure of this agenda item for new members. Mr. Shaffer asked about the current status of the leaf blower discussion. Mr. Liberatore discussed research on how to proceed has been started and will continue as more is learned. Ms. Burkholder brought up commercial composting and what measures could be taken to bring this back to the forefront. Shorewood Intermediate School Ecology club will reengage on this to continue promotion. Goal of the composting program will be to make it Village-wide.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson reported findings from Police Chief Heather Wurth on the reasons why two hybrid vehicles were unable to be purchased in FY 2022. AVM Anderson described a recent proposal to the University of Wisconsin-Madison that was submitted to be in the next cohort of the UniverCity Year program with a feasibility study on electrification of the police fleet was suggested. Lastly, the Fish and Feather Festival will be Saturday, October 8 from 11am to 3pm at Hubbard Park. Mr. Liberatore added there will be a river clean up just before the event and asked if there was any interest in the committee filling a table to represent the Conservation Committee.

5. No Mow May memorandum

Mr. Liberatore discussed the draft document on the recommendations that will be taken to the Village Board for consideration to update the tall grass ordinance enforcement date to June 1, allowing folks to participate in No Mow May. Ms. Witt discussed the pollinator palooza is a great time to promote No Mow May to educate the community.

6. Inflation Reduction Act opportunities for renewable energy and EVs

Mr. McGovern discussed a recently passed federal law that addresses climate action. Goal of cutting carbon emissions by 40% by 2030. Three programs (municipalities directly eligible for some, competitive process for municipalities to apply, things for individuals- municipalities to educate the community). 30% tax credit for solar installations. New credit for commercial electric vehicles- strict regulations on individuals do not apply to municipalities. There is up to \$7,500 credit for vehicles built in the US (Chevy Volt, Nissan Leaf). Over next 10 years, funding for clean energy initiatives. There will be future grants from DOE for zero energy building codes to include infrastructure projects promoting bike use. Discussions are desired with DPW and PD on the potential for replacing the fleet with more efficient and cleaner vehicles. The committee began a conversation if Village Center will be needing a new roof and could we look at solar? The committee also discussed introducing charging stations, solar panels, etc. at the village grounds or schools as a possible next step.

7. Subcommittee Reports

None.

8. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

Ms. Povak discussed the Shorewood DIY green cleaning and yard care event in the current Village Manager's Memo. The event will be September 21 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Hubbard Park Lodge. Ms. Frank also brought up the green infrastructure items at the event on Saturday, Sep, 17. Mr. Hagner and Ms. Pipek shared reported on the current status of the Commercial Zoning Update as they serve on the committee. Issues on the sustainability paragraph in the document. A lot of progress has been made and soon the plan will be shared with the Plan Commission and in a public meeting. Mr. Liberatore asked for the sustainability section of the document to be shared for the committee to offer feedback.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Witt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McGovern, and passed with a 10-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager