



**Parks Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
5:30 P.M.
Village Hall**

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Minutes from meeting on September 10, 2019
3. Discuss Results of the Triangle Park Community Meeting
4. Discuss Next Aspects of the 2020 Shorewood Loves Dogs Campaign
5. Future Agenda Items and Schedule Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

DATED at Shorewood, Wisconsin this 3rd day of October, 2019.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD
Sara Bruckman, CMC/WCMC
Village Clerk

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Parks Commission
Minutes
September 10, 2019 5:30 P.M.

Triangle Park
3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present (please cross off those not present): Kathy Yanoff, Lybra Loest, Jenny Vulpas, Bonnie Pedraza, Enrique Figueroa, and Julie Bradisse

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Michael Maher

Not Present: Mark Schill

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on August 13, 2019

Mr. Figueroa moved to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pedraza. Motion approved by 6-0 vote.

3. Discuss Logistics of Community Meeting Presentation

The Commission discussed the process to carry out the community meeting for Triangle Park. It was determined for Ms. Vulpas as the chair to give an introduction with some help from Mr. Burkart. Pending the size of participants, the Commission would then ask members to break into small groups to go through the response forms. If the size is small enough, one large group discussion could be conducted. The Commission asked Mr. Burkart to include an article in the manager's memo and social media to encourage people to still provide feedback if they are unable to attend the meeting. It was mentioned the best way to give feedback is through the response form. The Commission discussed next steps after the end of the community meeting.

4. Discuss Hosting Booth at Barktoberfest and the Fish and Feather Festival for the Shorewood Loves Dogs Campaign

Ms. Pedraza will be at the community booth for Barktoberfest. Fish and Feather Festival will be on October 5 and is looking for the Parks Commission to have a booth with Mika. Mr. Burkart will coordinate a time with Ms. Pedraza to pick up flyers. Mr. Burkart will also send an email out to members about specific times to be present at the festival.

5. Perform Community Meeting for Triangle Park

Just over 50 people were in attendance for the community meeting. After an introduction, the community members had some questions related to potential budget, timing, and any current plans committed to the park. Mr. Burkart relayed that there is no budget allocated to the park and that there are no plans for the park at this time. There was a large concern about the invasive plants that were unmaintained in the back of the park for a good portion of the summer. Several employees would like the park to be maintained more frequently. After breaking into small groups for about 15 minutes, the Commission asked for community members to share their thoughts with the large group.

Here is a general summary of the comments made:

What are some of the things you like about Triangle Park?

- Green open space for play
- Unstructured
- Shared usage
- Unusual shape that gives the park an unique charm to it
- Trees – kids and adults use trees for hammocks

If you could improve the park in any way, what 1-3 things would you do?

- Lower plantings around flagpole
- Cleaner border in the back of the park (i.e. fence)
- Move flagpole to the side or remove entirely (note: there were several dissenting views to this suggestion)
- More benches and picnic tables – keep along the edge of the park
- Address drainage issue along the southern part of the park near the sidewalk
- Remove burdock and other invasive plantings
- Natural play to allow kids to climb

Would you be content if the park was left alone with no improvements?

- Over 80% of attendees supported this statement if weeding and lawn maintenance was improved.
- Almost all participants want no or minor changes to the park.

What are some ways neighbors can help with the maintenance or beautification of the park?

- Some residents already pull buckthorn and garlic mustard annually to prevent it from spreading into their yards.
- Some residents expressed interest in helping but unsure with what tasks they'd be able to assist.

Anything else you would like to say about Triangle Park?

- There was a comment about initiating fundraising efforts to finance more benches or picnic tables. There was some general agreement as long as there was a specific plan put in place first.

6. Adjournment.

Mr. Figueroa moved, seconded by Ms. Pedraza to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager

Village of Shorewood – Parks Commission

Triangle Park Community Meeting Feedback

Triangle Park | September 10, 2019

#1 – What are some of the things you like about Triangle Park?

- Open space for people to play (x34)
- Trees (x3)
- Flowers in the middle of the park
- Flagpole – don't move
- Location – near house (x6)
- Size – small and compact
- Unique size of a triangle (x5)
- Clean
- Animals (i.e. bunnies and birds)
- People (x2)
- Unstructured play (x2)

#2 – If you could improve the park in any way, what 1-3 things would you do?

- Eliminate or reduce invasive species (x14)
- Move flagpole to edge of park (x15) or remove altogether (x3)
- Install more benches (x12) or replace current bench
- New landscaping – flowers and plants (x5)
- Village or residents plant wildflowers or other plantings along the fence (x3)
- Flatten the lot so kids don't sprain their ankles – it's very lumpy
- Add barrier in back of park (trees or fence) to improve privacy for residents (x16)
- Remove woodchips / mulch (x4)
- Improve drainage on south end (x7)
- Remove bench for bigger field to play
- Reduce or eliminate tall plants around the flagpole (x3)
- Walking path through the park
- Host dinners in the park
- Art installations
- Add a trash receptacle
- Remove dead trees in back and replace with healthier trees (x5)
- Natural playscape (stumps, logs, rocks, etc.)

#3 – Would you be content if the park was left alone with no improvements?

- Yes (x16)
- No (x8) – most of these no responses are due to maintenance concerns
- Somewhat content (x7)

#4 – What are some of the ways neighbors can help with the maintenance or beautification of the park? Would you be willing to help?

- Don't think neighbors should be responsible
- Don't litter
- Weeding (x5)
- Donate unwanted perennials and other plantings (x2)
- Pick up litter and garbage in passing (x7)
- Pick up after dogs
- Love idea of "Friends of Triangle Park"
- Garden maintenance and plantings (x8)
- Pay neighborhood children to maintain the lawn
- Host fundraisers in park for amenities
- Keep the Village informed
- People to provide contact information to help (x9)

#5 – Anything else you would like to say about Triangle Park?

- Thanks for involving the neighborhood
- Please don't sell it (x2)
- Hope it stays open space
- Better definition of park space instead of random empty patch of grass
- Moved here because of accessibility to Triangle Park (x2)
- Hammocks used between existing trees
- Space used for birthday parties and pickup games
- Don't ban dogs in parks
- Don't build things other than benches