



**Conservation Committee
Agenda
Thursday, November 2, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Village Hall – Committee Room**

1. Call to order
2. Consider approval of the August 3 and September 14, 2023 meeting minutes
3. Concerns from the Community
4. Staff Liaison Updates
5. Reports from subcommittees
6. Discussion of environmental film ideas for community film screening
7. Report of subcommittees
8. Upcoming Events
9. Adjournment

DATED at Shorewood, Wisconsin this 27th day of October 2023.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD
Toya Harrell
Village Clerk

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Conservation Committee

Minutes

August 3, 2023 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Members present: Co-Chairs Erin Povak and Linda Frank, Henry Tomasiewicz, Charles Hagner, Joey Sprague, Joshua Liberatore, Matt McGovern, Elisabeth Witt, Maggie Pipek, and Adalais Burkholder. After call to order: Marissa Meyer (joined at 7:06pm) 10

Others present: Ian Schmitt-Ernst, Calvin Fitzgerald, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Meenal Atre, Diego Murphy, currently one vacancy.

2. Consider approval of the July 6 meeting minutes

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Liberatore and the motion carried 9-0.

3. Concerns from the Community

Ian Schmitt-Ernst from Wisconsin Conservation Voters (WCV) attended to engage with committee activity. Another colleague from WCV previously worked with the committee to build sustainability efforts in various municipalities. Linda stated his presence was welcome since the committee is frequently discussing sustainability efforts in Shorewood (and neighboring municipalities) and also stated a previous goal of the committee to adopt a climate resolution.

4. Discussion and recommendation on Streetlight Replacement/Dark Skies memo drafted by committee member Chuck Hagner

A letter to the Village Board was drafted by Mr. Hagner and circulated to the committee. Ms. Frank looked up the record of the June and July meetings of the Village Board for additional context which led to some revisions of the draft letter to the committee. Ms. Frank spoke with trustees and DPW Director Butschlick ahead of this going to VB on August 7. Lightbulbs: The Village Board voted to expend \$15,000 for lightbulb replacements with LED on Capitol and Oakland to cover the gap not covered by Focus on Energy. When Linda asked about soft yellow lighting: DPW response was to purchase LED bulbs that have different colored settings. Dark Sky compliance call for colors to be 3,000 kelvins or lower- intend to meet it by setting it to the 3,000 kelvin level. Shielding of the light: Dan w/ DPW stated existing fixtures are 78.8% compliant and he will get estimates for making them 100% compliant. There are no accessory parts to add to the lamps, so to replace them all would be \$768k. The committee discussion resulted in the group to include considerations that the committee finds important and urges the Village Board to consider when making a decision. Mr. Liberatore moved to approve the letter to be sent to the Village Board, seconded by Mr. Tomasiewicz and the motion carried 10-0.

5. Upcoming Events

Fish and Feather is on Saturday, October 7. Kae DonLevy asked about group setting up a booth. Biodiversity group has expressed interest in attending but will officially confirm at the next committee meeting in September. Mr. Tomasiewicz shared the Riverkeepers are obligated to hold 2 clean ups per year, one of which is led by the Conservation Committee. The family currently committed to coordinating one of the clean ups has not renewed, so he recommends the committee hosting one on August 26 and another before the Fish and Feather (used to be done in concert with the Parks Commission). Ms. Frank encouraged folks to mark their calendars.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Sprague moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomasiewicz. The motion to adjourn carried 10-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager



Conservation Committee Minutes September 14, 2023 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Members present: Co-Chairs Erin Povak and Linda Frank, Henry Tomasiewicz, Charles Hagner, Matt McGovern, Elisabeth Witt, Adelais Burkholder, and Meenal Atre. (Joshua Liberatore joined after call to order in at 7:12pm).

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Joey Sprague, Maggie Pipek, Diego Murphy, Marissa Meyer, Calvin Fitzgerald

2. Concerns from the Community

There was a styrofoam litter issue at Oakland Avenue and Lake Bluff due to a construction project that has since been resolved but was shared for the committee's awareness. Another issue discussed was the idea of Shorewood joining the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition. At the September 5 meeting of the Village Board, Trustee Moore Baldauff asked for a Resolution to officially join the group, but it needs to be determined which staff member will participate. In response to the Village Board meeting recording sent to the committee, the cost for doing Dark Sky compliant fixtures throughout the business district is \$768,000. The cost was considered and the Village Board decided against proceeding, so the 78.8% compliant fixtures will stay in place. Board voted to include dark sky compliant fixtures for Lake Dr. project and only adds nominal cost. Residential lighting project for (\$10 million project) coming up, dark skies fixtures should be tested out before introducing in residential areas.

3. Discussion of environmental film ideas for community film screening

In the past, this has been done in the Fall. Want to take stock of who on the team would like to volunteer to help make this happen. This falls under Waste Reduction/Resource Recovery subcommittee, so they will discuss logistics and get back to the full team. The group discussed a list of various films that could be screened that focus on water, climate change, etc. Josh suggested narrowing the list down to those where public screening rights can be secured. Then a survey will be put out for the committee to vote and determine a winner.

4. Discussion to request panelist for upcoming Whitefish Bay Garden Club

Former member Joe Shaffer mentioned a Garden Club meeting in February and has asked for a committee member to come speak to the group about things the committee has done in the past, goals for the future, and sharing committee work generally.

5. Discussion of Fish and Feather festival and committee involvement

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Coming up on October 7 from 11:00am-3:00pm starting with River Clean up. DPW will set up a table for the committee to have reading materials and other information available. Linda mentioned the Biodiversity subcommittee (slated for September 26) will meet to discuss the next steps.

6. Discussion of committee member opportunities to promote solar initiatives

Mr. McGovern discussing Midwest Renewable Energy Association and Grow Solar Milwaukee residences to sign up for installation of solar at their homes. The more people that sign up, the better volume discount. Inflation Reduction Act also provides opportunities to cut these costs. Shorewood/Conservation Committee will help host on September 19. Mr. McGovern will make introductory remarks. Committee members were also invited to promote the event on their personal social media accounts as well.

7. Upcoming Events

DIY Green Cleaning event September 26. Plastics reduction event with Shorewood Waters Project on November 15. River cleanup is set before Fish and Feather.

Meenal asked about adding Earth Hour 2024 to the next agenda (set for March).

8. Adjournment

Mr. Hagner moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Liberatore and the motion carried 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager