



## **Conservation Committee**

### **Agenda**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Village Center Lower-level Meeting Room**

1. Call to order
2. Consider Approval of October 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Discuss Citizen Concerns
4. Staff Liaison Updates
5. Review recent data from Sustainability Scorecard, consider new reporting opportunities on metrics of interest, and evaluate any fields to be retired or added
6. Subcommittee Reports
7. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions
8. Adjournment

DATED at Shorewood, Wisconsin this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD

Toya Harrell

Village Clerk

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# Conservation Committee Minutes October 6, 2022 7:00 PM

## 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Members present: Joshua Liberatore, Adelais Burkholder, Joey Sprague, Henry Tomasiwicz, Charles Hagner, Diego Murphy, Meenal Atre, Joe Shaffer, Linda Frank, Maggie Pipek (Ms. Pipek joined after approval of minutes).

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Erin Povak, Matt McGovern, Elisabeth Witt, Caroline Kuebler.

## 2. Consider Approval of September 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Frank, seconded by Ms. Sprague. The motion to approve passed 8-0.

## 3. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Ms. Burkholder discussed the issues of the invasive species at Nature Preserve, primarily buckthorn. Discussion proceeded on the various treatment options among the committee. Mr. Shaffer asked if there is an active scout program that could take this on as a project as this used to happen in the Fall. Steve Robinson is the pack leader at Lake Bluff.

Idling at pick up locations has begun at school. Ms. Atre initiated the conversation about what can be done to limit this at school pick up. Commercial district and tractor trailers have been addressed by way of Village ordinance and it would be beneficial to remind the principals to add this to their newsletters for awareness to parents. *(As discussions continued, Ms. Frank reminded the group to wait to be recognized by the Chair to speak to help with decorum and the minutes taking process.)* An idea would be to mimic the signage at the pick up/drop off locations (reminder to “hug and go”) to address idling issues. Perhaps the principals could be asked to provide their feedback. The committee was in favor of providing options to building heads/principals then going from there.

## 4. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson reported the Village’s proposal to the UniverCity Year program was accepted and a preliminary scoping meeting is scheduled with the UW-Madison program staff for the middle of this month.

## 5. Updates from chair on follow-up items from September and other subcommittee initiatives

Mr. Liberatore provided updates regarding various projects.

- Communications to Planning and Development Director Griepentrog on list of Commercial Zoning Update (CZU)
  - Concerns for bird friendly design, other environmental issues

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- Sustainability comment in the overarching goals in the CZU: development that promotes reductions in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions through pedestrian and bicycle friendly design. Ms. Burkholder mentioned Shorewood is very walkable and habits in the community need to change.
- Modification could be re: sustainability being the triple bottom line, people, planet, prosperity. Ms. Frank agreed simplifying this language and addressing the power of not leaving components out. Ms. Pipek referenced the use of the statement as well as the Green Infrastructure document. Mr. Hagner mentioned if there is a sentence that could be agreed upon that could be taken to the group before this presentation could impact this statement. Materials and design components are not the goal of the commercial zoning update- the goal is to provide compatibility for commercial compatibility.
- In addition, Mr. Liberatore would like to incorporate storm water retention in this statement.
- The updated language to the code will be presented to the Plan commission 10/25 presented to the public on 11/16 at Village Hall.
- Outreach for the Inflation Reduction Act status:
  - Mr. Liberatore sent an email to the Superintendent and School Board president which was shared with the Building Manager. Mr. Liberatore will follow up with the school staff in November.
  - DPW: pickup trucks and replacement. The issues at the building are space and layout. It is not likely there is ample space at the current facility to install charging stations. Mr. Liberatore reminded the committee would keep the conversation on hybrid fleet replacement.
  - Village Hall: inquiry in with Village Manager on roof replacement (AVM Anderson to follow up) and ability to do this at the Village Hall.
- No Mow May: memo was created and ready for presentation. There will be a pilot of the program through a resolution. After this pilot year, lessons learned will be built into the recommended changes to the ordinance. Two concerns: how to get the word out to the community when the time comes, and the type of signage in the yard.
- Gas powered leaf blowers: Mr. Shaffer had a meeting with Trustee Stokebrand and Janet Jesmok re: noise and emissions. He had a sit-down conversation with both about where the line would be drawn: lawn mowers, idling vehicles, where would it stop? Is the committee more interested in raising awareness or changing ordinances. Trustee Stokebrand would like the community's feedback to help inform what the policy issues are that the community is most interested in. Ms. Burkholder brought up the finite amount of fossil fuels and the education would be critical. The changing of laws and policy is the most efficient way to make this change. Also need to plan for renewable energy for electric powered cars.
- Bumblebee Brigade: Ms. Frank discussed the brigade that is part of a larger part of native planting and pollination efforts that would fit in quite nicely with the Pollinator Palooza event. Collecting the data to submit to the DNR must include the head, back, and side of the bee. This is much too hard to try to do as an

individual, but there is a Facebook page “Wisconsin Bumblebee Observers” that provides resources for bumblebee brigade. Ms. Atre discussed the Urban Ecology (from now to February) is a GIS and Field Data Collector there to workshop this and host a naturalist education series. Perhaps they can create a cheat sheet to help with this. Ms. Burkholder discussed contacts that know a lot about the Rusty patch bumblebees, they work at the Audubon Center.

**6. Subcommittee Reports**

None.

**7. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions**

River Clean up Saturday morning at 9am at Estabrook. The meet up place is at the south entrance. Ms. Atre asked if there will be a trash type audit done to understand what is getting collected.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Atre, and passed with a vote of 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson  
Assistant Village Manager

