



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

1. Call to order
2. Consider approval of the November 2 meeting minutes
3. Concerns from the Community
4. Staff Liaison Updates
5. Discussion on committee events, communication calendar, and subcommittee focus areas
6. Discussion of community film screening
7. Discussion of DNR Green Tier Legacy Communities
8. Report of subcommittees
9. Upcoming Events
10. Adjournment

DATED at Shorewood, Wisconsin this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2023.

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD  
Toya Harrell  
Village Clerk

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# Conservation Committee Minutes November 2, 2023 7:00 PM

## 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Members present: Co-Chairs Linda Frank and Erin Povak, Joey Sprague, Elisabeth Witt, Adalais Burkholder, Meenal Atre, Joshua Liberatore, Diego Murphy, and Marissa Meyer. Henry Tomasiewicz (entered at 7:07)

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Maggie Pipek, Charles Hagner, Matt McGovern, and Calvin Fitzgerald.

## 2. Consider approval of the August 3 and September 14, 2023 meeting minutes

Ms. Sprague moved to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Liberatore and the motion carried 8-0. Ms. Atre motioned to approve September minutes, seconded by Mr. Liberatore and the motion carried 8-0

## 3. Concerns from the Community

Ms. Witt discussed a recent post seen on Facebook of a basement flooding with a potential contributing factor being blocked leaf grates. Ms. Sprague mentioned last week's article in the Village Manager's Memo of mulching of leaves, and another leaf update specific of where to rake them will be in next week's VMM. Committee members discussed including the differentiation between Milwaukee and Whitefish Bay's leaf collection process as it differs from Shorewood. The next item of discussion revisited a previous concern of styrofoam at a construction site- Fiddleheads owner. AVM Anderson will communicate to Planning and Development to ask what measures are in place to prevent this in the future.

## 4. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson reported in response to last month's Concerns from the Community that the number of trash/recycle receptacles in the Village is getting requested.

## 5. Reports from Subcommittees

**Biodiversity** at Fish and Feather- talked to people about keeping lights down for birds, leave leaves for pollinators, composting pumpkins. Next up is a landscaping workshop in January. Many mentions in the Village Manager's Memo. Mr. Liberatore requested to link these projects back to the respective areas of the website and if there are spaces that are not represented and content is developed, send to Village to add to the website. Ms. Sprague would like to organize a workshop on Bee Lawns- perhaps in February or March and a speaker would be needed. A committee member suggested the land stewards at Urban Ecology Center to be speakers. **Waste reduction and resource recovery group:** survey shows most are interested in reducing the use of pesticides in greenspaces in the pedestrian footpath. As a follow on action, next week can start promoting the pesticide

registry (remind folks if they are interested to fill it out and take the survey). Village and School District does not use pesticides, so the goal is to bring this awareness to residential properties. Ms. Frank discussed the list of events and messaging in November- to avoid food waste during the holidays. **Energy Efficiency group** has no update.

**6. Discussion of environmental film ideas for community film screening**

Ms. Povak shared the list of remaining films that have been discussed and fit the parameters as previously discussed. Ms. Frank discussed in the past this is done in the Fall and suggests in 2024 this be done in the Spring. Screening could be in the Village Center or the SHS Auditorium. Putting out a survey of the committee or putting this to the subcommittees to suggest one by each topic specific to the subcommittee interests. Ms. Frank looked at Bullfrog list (those that supply the DVDs)- CC purchases the films then stays with the Library. Ms. Frank discussed that Library purchased DVDs come with screening rights- need to verify. Discussions about the addition of films: Death by Design, Backfired, The True Cost, Oil Machine, Bringing it Home, Build Green, The Suzuki Diaries Urban City, Burning in the Sun, Point of No Return, Revenge of the Electric Car, Split Estate, Turning Down the Heat. Historically, the movie has been hosted on Friday nights to help make it accessible for folks to attend.

**7. Upcoming Events**

There is a Waste Workshop on 11/15 at 6:00pm in the lower level meeting room, and a future Landscaping event planned for Saturday, January 20.

**8. Adjournment**

Ms. Sprague moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tomaszewicz and the motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson  
Assistant Village Manager