

**Members Present:** Chair Povak; Members Macken, Ela, Hagner, Meyer, Syverson, Sprague; and Student Appointment Murphy

**Excused:** Member Golopol and McWade

**Others Present:** Village Manager Ewald, Assistant Village Manager Berzin, and Student Volunteer Price

1. Call to Order  
Chair Povak called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. Consider approval of meeting minutes - December 2, 2025
  - Povak stated she was not the member who second the adjournment.
  - Sprague corrected natural to invasive in item 5.
  - Sprague motion to approve with changes, Syverson second. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Citizens to be Heard - this item is for matters not on the agenda. Discussion may follow comment on non-agenda items or discussion and action may come at future meetings.
  - Sprague asks for thoughts on accessory dwelling unit topic in the Managers Memo due to Shorewood being densely populated.
    - Sprague suggests the committee writing a letter regarding the environmental implications
    - Povak and Sprague will draft a letter, AVM Berzin will share with committee
  - Price suggests a “leave the leaves” initiative
    - Povak suggests bringing this up again in July
4. 2025 Initiative - Consider possible ordinance actions, [Electrify Shorewood](#)
  - a. Waste Reduction and Resource subcommittee report progress to date
    - Povak states the initiative push for lawn mowers starting in June
  - b. Action items
5. 2025 Initiative - Educate community on native garden practices and invasive species control, including more flexible ordinance for land management plan requirement and turf grass standard, [Chapter 220 Brush, Grass and Weeds](#)
  - a. Biodiversity subcommittee report progress to date
  - b. Action items
    - VM Edwald will check with the attorney for progress
6. 2025 initiative - [\(3\) film screenings of environment-themed movies](#)
  - a. Report progress to date
    - Shorewood Library Director Johnson put together a reading list related to the films
    - Price advertised in the Ripple and on the High School Board
    - AVM Berzin advertised on the school electronic board
    - Ela will have save the dates at the first showing for the following films
    - Sprague suggests panelists promote event
  - b. Action items
    - Ela requests committee members arrive at 5:30pm
    - Ela to post in Shorewood community Facebook groups

7. 2025 Initiative - [Participate in Fish and Feather Festival](#) - Complete
8. 2025 Initiative - [Continue to post in the Manager's Memo](#)
  - a. Report progress to date
    - No comments.
  - b. Action items
9. [Policy 49 Workplans, Village Initiatives and Task Assignments](#)
  - a. January 31, Volunteer Boards and Committees identify prior year accomplishments in the [2025 annual report](#)
    - Deadline December 23 - noon; final project will be compiled and reviewed and considered by the Committee on January 8, prior to submission.
    - Povak sent report in, AVM Berzin to send to committee
    - AVM Berzin to change format of the file to ensure all information can fit
  - c. March 1, Volunteer Boards and Committees submit [proposed initiatives](#) to the Village Manager for consideration in the next fiscal year (2027)
    - Deadline January 26 - noon; proposed initiatives will be compiled and considered by the Committee on February 5 prior to submission
10. Staff Liaison Report
  - a. Deadline for proposed Shorewood Today articles - ideas should be submitted to the Village Manager's Office before these dates: 12/15/25 for spring issue, 3/16/26 for summer issue, 7/6/26 for fall issue, 10/5/26 for winter issue.
  - b. Compact Crusader Report
    - Povak stated the need for more frequent pickups
    - Hagner requested information on the fee for drop off vs having a cart on residential property
    - Price states middle school does not compost
    - Murphy states high school does not compost
    - Povak to find connection to composting/recycling at the school
11. Adjournment  
Joey motion, Ela seconds. Motion carries 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Berzin, Assistant Village Manager