



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

January 10, 2023 6:00 PM

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Vice Chair Hanna Seegers and members Bonnie Pedraza, Mary Jorgensen, Andrew Kaczmarek, Heather Mansfield, Donald Lodge, Ian Berry (6:05pm).

Members not present: Chair Gary Brunk, Ruth Williams, Andrew Strozinsky, currently three vacancies.

Others present: Trustee Stokebrand, DPW Director Leeann Butschlick, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson, Ms. Katie Gnau, and Mr. Sandie Pendleton

2. Consider approval of the December 13 meeting minutes

Ms. Mansfield moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Pedraza. The motion carried 7-0.

3. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson reported that there is a placeholder for the JP&L committee to review the pending applications for the committee vacancies on February 20.

4. Review and possible recommendation regarding 2024 Downer Avenue reconstruction bicycle facilities

DPW Director Leeann Butschlick presented on Downer Ave impacts as part of the Southeast Area Combined Sewer Improvements. The lane configuration of Downer Ave. is the goal for tonight's presentation; the 2015 Bike and Pedestrian plan recommended bicycle facilities on Downer Ave., as did the 2020 Traffic and Parking plan. The three options for the 44 foot wide street are: 5 foot bike lanes (with two 11 foot wide travel lanes, two five foot bike lanes, and one parking lane), Shared bicycle and parking lane (two 11 foot travel lanes and two 11 foot shared lanes to mimic what is on Lake Dr. currently), and Shared vehicle and bicycle lane (sharrow pavement markings to indicate it is shared- this would involve education to the public). The committee is in favor of the dedicated bike lane, but discussions with the residents on Downer would be beneficial. Mr. Lodge motioned to recommend the first option of 5 foot bike lanes with one parking lane and two 11 foot travel lanes, seconded by Ms. Seegers. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Discussion on Spector Field and River Park connector path

This item is budgeted as a 2023 project and this will be resolved.

6. Parks Updates

Shared update on report for Parks listening sessions. The donations for various parks needs as identified by the gap analysis will be included on the Village website in the future. The committee discussion turned to the possibility of consultants to update master plans. Trustee Stokebrand also reminded the committee to consider the potential for rip

currents at the Atwater Beach jetties, in light of the recent drowning near Bradford Beach.

7. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

Discussed master plan and the process of updating, as this group would like to propose to the Board to fund these updates. Addition of message for the Manager's memo to wear reflective gear while walking.

8. Other Public Spaces Updates

Ms. Pedraza shared her idea to present on Feb 16 at Three Lions for the Foundation's Shark Tank event to purchase bags for the dog stations. Also has conversations pending with BID Director. Family that does not want the station in front of their house (Stowell and Shorewood)- relocate to Triangle Park? Perhaps also relocating the station by Corner Bakery- maybe Spector Park?

9. Discuss and Consider Future Agenda Items

Consideration of master plan updates for the Village Board consideration.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Berry moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lodge - motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager