



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

February 14, 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: Chair Gary Brunk, Vice Chair Hanna Seegers and members Mary Jorgensen, Ruth Williams, Heather Mansfield, Donald Lodge, Bonnie Pedraza, and Andrew Kaczmarek.

Members not present: Ian Berry, Andrew Strozinsky, currently three vacancies.

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson, Mr. Sandie Pendleton, Ms. Katie Gnau, and Ms. Vashti Lozier

2. Consider approval of the January 10 meeting minutes

Ms. Seegers moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lodge. The motion carried 8-0.

3. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson reported that the bus shelters on Oakland will be discussed at the next Public Works standing committee meeting of the Village Board on Monday, February 20 and invited the committee to attend if interested.

4. Discuss and consider letter from the committee to the Shorewood Animal Hospital

Ms. Pedraza would like to thank the Shorewood Animal Hospital for their sponsorship of the Scoop the Poop program. The committee was in favor of thanking the bag sponsor and a letter will be created using committee letterhead.

5. Discuss and consider letter of support for additional bus shelters in Shorewood

Ms. Vashti Lozier from Shorewood Connects and Katie Gnau from the Elder Services Advisory Board were speaking with the Bike and Pedestrian subcommittee about supporting additional bus shelters in Shorewood. Ms. Williams motioned to support the initiative of a letter with Shorewood Connects and the ESAB, seconded by Mr. Lodge. The motion passed 8-0.

6. Consider support for shared streets proposal at Shorewood Foundation Shark Tank event

Mr. Sandie Pendleton asked for the committee's support since he would like to take this forward as a Shorewood Foundation Shark Tank proposal. Ms. Seegers moved to support the proposal and Mr. Lodge seconded- motion carried 8-0.

7. Discuss and consider request to the Village Board for funding to update the Comprehensive Park Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

Mr. Brunk discussed with Planning Director Griepentrog about the update of the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan addressing safety. He will come to the committee later this

summer to present a proposal to get support before presenting to the Village Board. This plan will be targeted to be funded in 2024. The Comprehensive Parks Plan will also be updated internally. The Parks subcommittee would like to build synergy by bringing the Parks and Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan together under one document. Recommendation to bring these two separate documents together would be a good idea: streetscapes, walkable, parks spaces. School board involvement is needed since school spaces are included in the Comprehensive Parks Plan, so a future stakeholder meeting will be scheduled.

8. Discuss and approve 2022/23 Annual report and initiatives

AVM Anderson will bring forward to the next committee meeting since the report format was not included in the agenda packet.

9. Parks Updates

Updates have been covered by the regular meeting agenda items.

10. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

Updates have been covered by the regular meeting agenda items.

11. Other Public Spaces Updates

Emailing current list of dog waste station volunteers to make sure they are on board continuing. Ms. Williams discussed the use of Pickleball courts, currently only on school grounds.

12. Discuss and consider future agenda items

Business Improvement District is eyeing the corner of Marion and Oakland (used to be dry cleaning place). Perhaps could use this open space for another purpose.

Another concern from Mr. Lodge is terms of the committee. AVM Anderson to review committee members' terms/eligibility and get back to the committee.

13. Adjournment

Ms. Seegers moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mansfield- motion carried 8-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager