



Parks and Public Spaces Committee Minutes

March 8, 2022 6:30 P.M.

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Subcommittees meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Parks and Public Spaces Committee meeting.

2. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Ian Berry, Gary Brunk, Mary Jorgensen, Bonnie Pedraza, Michelle Frazier, Janee Pederson, Heather Moran, Hanna Seegers

Members not present: Enrique Figueroa, Michael DeMarco, Cameron Lumley

Others present: Village Manager Rebecca Ewald, Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Katie Gnau, Linda Larmann, Judy Wynn

3. Consider Approval of February 8, 2022 Minutes

Ms. Pedraza moved to approve the Feb. 8, 2022 minutes. Ms. Mansfield approved the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

4. Welcome new member Michelle Frazier

Michelle has lived in Shorewood with her family for 20 years. She will be on the Other Public Spaces Committee.

5. Staff Liaison Updates

Committee members were invited to a March 14 Special Public Works Committee meeting on the replacement of pavement on Oakland Avenue. A design engineer was to be on hand to present options. The meeting was to be held via Zoom.

Ms. Ewald informed the committee that Eileen Lauer was unable to continue on the committee. Potential replacements were encouraged to submit an application to serve on the committee.

Ms. Ewald invited committee members to attend a workgroup meeting to discuss plans for a hybrid form-based zoning code in Shorewood, particularly on the Capitol Drive and Oakland Ave. corridors. That meeting was held March 31 at 6 p.m. Mr. Brunk recommended committee members follow the process, which is important to Shorewood's future.

6. Dog waste

Ms. Ewald noted that with the snow melting it is important to pick up dog waste, and that there is a lot of passion in the community about this issue. The committee welcomed Linda Larmann. Ms Larmann noted that anecdotally, on East Elmdale Court and near the

Oakland/Capitol corridors, there seems to be a lot of waste that has not been picked up. She suggested that the village work more closely with building owners and managers to make sure that waste is picked up. She also encouraged the committee to be diligent in making sure that the new bag dispenser stations in the village are filled with bags. Ms. Larmann said that the station closest to her has not had bags for weeks.

Judy Wynn also spoke on the issue, and suggested installing PSA signs in the business district to encourage picking up dog waste. Other ideas include getting Shorewood students involved in re-stocking the bag dispensers as a volunteer project, and advertising to raise more money to keep the bag dispenser stations filled. Mr. Larmann said that businesses should be encouraged to pick up poop in front of their buildings, and that she knows of at least one eatery that always has dog waste in front of it.

Committee member Ms. Pederson is the manager of an apartment building in Shorewood and said that it is an issue she raises often. Part of the problem is stopping a few specific individuals that appear to be responsible for most of the waste that is not picked up. Ms. Pederson and Mr. Brunk both noted that this also poses an environmental problem.

7. Parks Updates

Ms. Mansfield noted that the parks subcommittee is switching tasks to focus in the near-term on updating content for the website. Parks listening sessions have been pushed back to late spring and summer.

8. Other Public Spaces Updates

Ms. Pedraza noted that dog waste stations in her neighborhood appeared to be well-supplied. The situation appears to be better near Estabrook Park than it is near Oakland Ave.

9. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

Ms. Seegers said there was discussion about crosswalks signs on Lake Drive. The potential for flashing signs was discussed. Ms. Jorgensen said that some crosswalks come as a shock to drivers, and that more signage would help. Mr. Brunk asked how we could increase funding for crosswalk signage, but there is not money in the budget for this. Ms. Gnau said that signage and crosswalks are particularly important for older people and others who may lack mobility. Mr. Brunk said that signage around pedestrian issues in Shorewood is woefully lacking compared with Whitefish Bay. Ms. Jorgensen said that signage has been very effective in Whitefish Bay. Ms. Ewald asked the committee to help get more funding by being very vocal with the state Department of Transportation. The DOT will attend the village board meeting on April 18 with an update on a parking study.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Seegers seconded. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.