



# Parks and Public Spaces Committee

## Minutes

April 12, 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 6:30pm.

Members present: Gary Brunk, Heather Mansfield, Donald Lodge, Bonnie Pedraza, Mary Jorgensen, Heather Mansfield, Hanna Seegers, Ian Berry, Janee Pederson

Members not present: Andrew Strozinsky, Michelle Frazier, Michael DeMarco, Remy Perez

Others present: Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson, Vashti Lozier (Shorewood Connects)

**3. Staff Liaison Updates**

Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson provided an update on the Special Public Works committee meeting regarding the N. Oakland Avenue pavement replacement project. Trustee Stokebrand added that the item was going to come back to the Village Board and she'd submitted additional questions were to the department. There was interest shown in previewing the materials from the special meeting, and Chris Anderson informed he would send to the full committee for reference.

**4. Parks Updates**

The Parks subcommittee has mapped out a plan of tasks with Rebecca for a March to December work plan. The largest of these will be their role to update the Comprehensive Parks Plan which will have the subcommittee review various park amenities and compare to old park plan to identify gaps. The group also will look at the amenities fund brochure which was discussed more tonight. If there are people in the community that want to donate for specific park amenities, information will be included in these informational handouts.

**5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates**

Hanna discussed the committees' work to address signage on Lake drive. Rebecca informed them of the form to fill out and the process to get it done with Village departments. The subcommittee will work in conjunction with the Elder Services Advisory Board (ESAB) with the goal of our amenities to be pedestrian friendly for all. A previous walk audit of 30 community members and stakeholders used a rating scale developed by the AARP (ratings were consolidated after a trainer that showed volunteers how to properly score). The subcommittee plans to look at schools closer to summer dismissal time to do a joint walk audit there too. Looking through the lens of those that have strollers, use assistive devices, or those that may require extra time to cross the

street led to many questions like if crossing signals provided adequate time or if sidewalks are right-sized.

Gary asked if there was support from the full committee to include pedestrian signage on Lake Dr. The ultimate goal would be to have pedestrian activated blinking lights. Trustee Stokebrand mentioned doing this when the funding for projects in 2026 is proposed. Hanna continued the discussion to identify the various types of signage that could be installed.

#### **6. Other Public Spaces Updates**

Bonnie has a list of dog waste station helpers that she is working on. She'd recently met with Linda and Judy since the stations and bags were purchased by them when the Scoop the Poop program began. To continue this program going forward, the Committee needs to look for sponsors to put money aside to purchase the bags (cost of bags is about \$600 for 24,000 bags). There are 40 rolls of bags left that should get the Village to September or October looking at current trends. Bonnie would like to have signage placed on business windows (working with Kae DonLevy). Opportunities of other events were also identified to promote the Scoop the Poop program: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Shorewood High School reunion, others. Outreach to apartment complexes has also been initiated to see if they would like a station near them too. Gary brought up if we could talk to the vets and local pet stores if they could be sponsors. Chris Anderson discussed an idea to update the signage to add sticker to the green box which would serve as a reminder to take only what you need and if the box is low, scan the existing QR code to report it on the Scoop the Poop section of the Village website, which the committee favored.

#### **7. Discuss and consider Future Agenda Items**

Gary opened this topic for discussion but mentioned there was much work from the various subcommittees already pending. However, Gary reminded the committee to show support for the form-based zoning meetings happening May 4 and May 25 from 6:00pm-7:45pm.

#### **8. Adjournment.**

Heather moved to adjourn the meeting. Donald seconded the motion. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson  
Assistant Village Manager