



Parks Commission Minutes

June 11, 2019 5:30 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Kathy Yanoff, Mark Schill, Lybra Loest, Jenny Vulpas, Bonnie Pedraza, Enrique Figueroa, and Julie Bradisse

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Michael Maher, North Shore Health Department Director Ann Christiansen

2. Introductions and Welcome

The Commission went around introducing themselves.

3. Consider Minutes from Meeting on May 21, 2019

Ms. Yanoff moved to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pedraza. Motion approved by 7-0 vote.

4. Electing a New Chair

Mr. Burkart mentioned moving forward, based on language in the Parks Commission code, the Commission needs to elect or re-elect a chair every June. Mr. Burkart entertained nominations. Ms. Vulpas nominated herself as chair. Ms. Pedraza moved to elect Ms. Vulpas as the new Parks Commission chair. Ms. Bradisse seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

5. Staff Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission that the Farmers Market is having a public table again this year and that Shorewood groups can sign up. Time slots will fill up quickly; so the Commission should decide now whether or not they would like to be present at the Farmers Market. The Commission discussed talking about Triangle Park and rules for dogs in the parks and at the beach. It was decided for August 18 to be the date out at the Farmers Market. The Commission's annual report and priorities were submitted to the Village Board, who will begin the prioritization process starting June 24.

6. Discuss Signage and Access to Atwater Beach

Mr. Burkart presented a sign audit on signage at Atwater Park and Beach. Mr. Burkart provided some staff recommendations to the Commission to discuss. The Commission discussed some of the verbiage on the signs. Topics of discussion involved the attempt to have the strongest verbiage possible, safety concerns, and enforcement concerns. After discussion, the Commission decided for the yellow sign at the beach to read: "Public Atwater Beach ends here – Only Water Access allowed beyond this point." In addition, for the second clause on the sign, staff will add some additional language and make the font smaller so that "Public Atwater Beach ends here" is in larger font. Mr. Burkart will work with staff on revising the sign and bring it back to the Commission to discuss in July.

7. Discuss Steps to Prohibit Smoking in Public Parks and Beach

Ms. Christiansen provided a summary to the Commission related to the Village Board's discussion of prohibiting smoking in public parks and beaches. There was an inquiry related to other beaches and if they are smoke free. Ms. Christiansen is not aware of any beaches that are currently smoke free. Another inquiry asked about enforcement. The Police Department and the lifeguards during the summer would help enforce this rule. The Commission discussed the impacts to other areas such as the Hubbard Park Lodge and the Hubbard Beer Garden (Mr. Burkart will confirm for next meeting).

8. Discuss Shorewood Loves Dogs Mascot Campaign

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission that signs were updated based on the feedback of Commission members.

9. Adjournment.

The next meeting will be scheduled for July 9. Mr. Schill moved, seconded by Ms. Pedraza to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by 7-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager