



Parks Commission

Minutes

July 9, 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, 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

Not present: Mark Schill

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on June 11, 2019

Ms. Loest moved to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yanoff. Motion approved by 6-0 vote.

3. Staff Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission about the prioritization process moving forward with the Village Board. There is some interest expressed to review the usage at Triangle Park. In addition, there have been some inquiries to reach out to Milwaukee County Parks about space in Estabrook Park for a bocce court and a pump track. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee have interested exploring improving the trail connection for the Oak Leaf Trail at Culvers/Corner Bakery by constructing a trail from Pinedale Ct. Lastly, Kae Donlevy is putting an order in this week to create the Shorewood Loves Dogs campaign signs for each of the public parks. Ms. Donlevy is asking the Commission if they'd be interested in having a booth for Barktoberfest on September 14. The Commission expressed interest in having a booth.

4. Discuss Signage and Access to Atwater Beach

Mr. Burkart asked the Commission if there are other directions or guidance on the yellow sign by the boundaries. The Commission recommended including the ordinance number (409-1M) in small print at the bottom of the yellow sign to provide further clarification. For the rules sign, the font should be left justified or bullet pointed and not centered. Change wording to read, "Pets must be leashed and on pavement" and "No Grilling or Fires." The Village will implement the changes and reflect on the changes six months later. Mr. Burkart will follow up with DPW to seek better aesthetic solutions compared to the barricade.

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

Mr. Burkart provided a summary of the proposed language and reasoning for the topic to be in front of the Commission. The Commission discussed the difficulties of attempting to enforce such a change. They also discussed the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. After discussion, the Commission determined to leave the language as proposed

which excludes parkland from the ordinance change. The Commission would like more public input before deciding to include parkland.

6. Discuss River Clean Up – July 27

The Parks Commission and the Conservation Committee are working together on another river clean up on July 27. Volunteers should meet at the Benjamin House at 9 a.m. Ms. Vulpas asked the Commission members to help out. Ms. Vulpas will send Mr. Burkart a jpg of the river clean-up communication to promote in Village communications.

7. Discuss Presentation at the Farmers Market

The Commission will be at the Farmers Market on August 18. There was discussion about having an aerial image of Triangle Park and having the public provide input. Mr. Burkart suggested using the time at the Farmers Market to promote the Commission's September 10 meeting, which could be at Triangle Park. Members talked about some ideas to facilitate the feedback. Mr. Burkart will get an image and display for the Commission ready for the August 18 meeting. Commission members are asked to visit the park before the August meeting. Mr. Burkart will have copies of the Poo Facts flyers also there for the Commission to pass out.

8. Discuss Moving Forward on Initiatives

This discussion was incorporated in agenda item #7. The vendors at Atwater Park will be on a future agenda.

9. Adjournment.

The next meeting will be scheduled for August 13. Mr. Figueroa moved, seconded by Ms. Pedraza to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager