



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

July 13, 2021 6:00 P.M.

via Teleconference

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Bonnie Pedraza, Cameron Lumley, Donald Lodge, Eileen Lauer, Enrique Figueroa, Gary Brunk, Heather Mansfield, Janee Pederson, Lybra Loest, Mary Jorgensen, Remy Perez, Michael DeMarco, Hanna Seegers and Trustee Kathy Stokebrand

Members not present: James Robinson, Ian Berry

Others present: Village Manager Rebecca Ewald

Members introduced themselves to the group.

2. Consider approval of the June 8, 2021 minutes.

Brunk moved and Lumley seconded to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider electing a chair, and vice-chair and amount initial term limits.

Gary Brunk noted his desire to serve as chair and Remy Perez noted desire to serve as vice chair. Should Brunk assume the position as chair, there would be a vacancy on the Pedestrian and Bicycle sub-committee. Lumley moved and Pedraza seconded to appoint Gary Brunk as chair and Remy Perez as vice chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Seegers expressed the desire to serve on the Pedestrian and Bicycle sub-committee due to the new vacancy.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

The following are the sub-committee assignments and initial terms for members.

Parks

Ian Berry – 3 year term

Heather Mansfield – 3 year term

Donald Lodge - 2 year term

Janee Pederson – 1 year term

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Gary Brunk – 3 year term

Remy Perez – 3 year term

Mary Jorgensen – 2 year term

Cameron Lumley – 1 year term

Other Public Spaces

Eileen Lauer – 3 year term

Bonnie Pedraza – 2 year term
Enrique Figueroa – 1 year term
Vacancy – 1 or 2 year term

Vacancy that will fill the sub-committee assignment of the chair – 1-2 year term.

5. Update on Lake Drive Design Public Feedback Process

The Village is looking forward to learning if WisDOT will be proposing parking near Atwater Park during the next public informational meeting. All were encouraged to listen in to the August 2 meeting that WisDOT will be attending to address the Village Board. It was noted that members of WisDOT were not happy that the “Replace In Kind” design being provided as an option for the reconstruction. It was noted that the Replace in Kind design option does not appear to reflect parking on the east and west sides of the street parallel to Atwater Park. Ewald confirmed that others have noticed that discrepancy as well. It was noted that this clarification would need to be provided by WisDOT as it is not clear as to whether WisDOT is planning on providing parking in this area. It was noted that individual don’t visit the beach without a car to bring their beach gear. It was noted that any widening of the roadway will encourage people to drive faster. Committee members were encouraged to complete the WisDOT survey.

6. Update on Dog Waste Stations

Most stations are now funded. The Committee inquired how the committee will receive feedback from the public on the new dog waste stations. It was noted that it would be helpful for those who proposed the installation also reviewed feedback on the usage and offered comments regarding any outstanding issues after six months and a year. It was noted that this was a one-year pilot and those funding the stations agreed to do a review of the project after one year.

7. Approval of the Park and Beach Permit

The Village Board approved the permit and staff will review implementation following a year of use. All permits are required to be approved by the Village Board. Individuals seeking this permit will be receiving revenue during the time in the park. Our staff does not have resources to assist in requests for event set up at this time.

8. Update on N. Downer Ave. Road Project

Resurfacing of N. Downer Avenue are to occur in 2023 in conjunction with the Southeast Area Combined Sewer Improvements (SEASCI). A bike plan in proposed on this roadway in the Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan.

9. Consider Nomination to the Transportation Advisory Group

Lumley moved and Mansfield seconded to approve Janee Pederson to the TAG. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider Future Meeting Structure

The committee agreed that the time of 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. will be reserved prior to the regular meetings for sub-committee meetings; however, it does not preclude sub-committees from also meeting at other times as they deem appropriate. Regular meetings

on the committee will then begin at 6:30 p.m. Lumley moved and Mansfield seconded for sub-committees to meet from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. prior to regularly scheduled committee meetings at 6:30 p.m. It was noted that sub-committees may choose to meet at an alternative time, not prior to the regular meeting, if desired. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Sub-committee Updates

Parks – Mansfield updated that the sub-committee met to review the WisDOT design alternatives and they recommend Lake Drive to be Replaced in Kind. Their next work items are update on the comprehensive park and open space plan, review rental of space in parks, review park and beach rules, and research potential new amenities for the parks.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety – Lumley updated that the sub-committee is reviewing what has been done in the past for education, what worked/what didn't work, and engage with a point of contact at the Police Department. The committee will discuss bike thefts with the Police Department and educational opportunities related to this item. It was noted that Keep Lake Drive Green organization was organized and funded by residents on Lake Drive.

Other Public Spaces – Lauer updated the group discussed the Lake Drive design options, at the designs proposed may alter or eliminate the parkway which falls under other public spaces. They agree the roadway should be Replaced in Kind.

12. Discuss and consider future agenda items.

Lodge inquired as to how the areas of work are separated among the sub-committees, for example the school property. Ewald suggested that the scope of work remain within the scope of the plan (comprehensive park plan, bike/ped plan, etc.) associated with the specific item. Stokebrand noted there is another Recreational and Community Service comprised of a joint committee with school and village representatives that address the school grounds in great detail.

Mansfield relayed that her sub-committee took notes and they were wondering whether they should be provided to Tyler for open records. Ewald noted a google document would work fine as they are notes and not official minutes. She encouraged the sub-committees to share the notes with Burkart so he is aware of the discussion and progress.

13. Adjournment.

Figuroa moved and Lodge seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Ewald
Village Manager