



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

September 14, 2021 6:30 P.M.

via Teleconference

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 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Bonnie Pedraza, Donald Lodge, Eileen Lauer, Heather Mansfield, Ian Berry, Remy Perez, Hanna Seegers, Mary Jorgensen, Gary Brunk, Michael DeMarco, Mary Jorgensen

Members not present: Cameron Lumley, Janee Pederson, Enrique Figueroa,

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Katie Gnau

3. Consider Approval of the August 10, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Seegers moved approval of the August 10, 2021 minutes. Mr. Perez seconded the motion. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart reminded the Committee the Village Board would like a review and recommendation on holiday lights in Atwater Park and other public spaces. The Committee should discuss how to proceed with a review and recommendation. Mr. Burkart can coordinate a time with a subcommittee to meet with DPW to hear directly from them on their work capacity when hanging and taking down lights. Mr. Burkart summarized the recommendation that came earlier from the Human Relations Commission. In addition, Mr. Burkart informed the Committee that the Village had a failed search on finding an outside vendor to provide Atwater Beach lifeguard services for 2022. The Village is trying to think of creative solutions to address this issue.

5. Parks Updates

Ms. Mansfield reported the subcommittee visited the site. They are proposing to come up with some new signage as well as a new map with trails for the Nature Preserve. Content would be available at the park entrance as well as the Village website. Mr. Burkart will reach out to DPW staff to see what resource the Village has to develop a map including the trails. There was a recommendation from a Committee member to move the sign to the West to make it more visible. Another recommendation was about working with Shorewood Today magazine to do an article on the Nature Preserve. Mr. Burkart will be sharing draft content on the parks to be posted on the website.

6. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

Mr. Perez reported that they are working with the schools on walk and bike to school week on October 6. The subcommittee will also collaborate with the Police Department to have officers join them and also provide resources to give to the students. The subcommittee is looking for volunteers to help with the tables during the event.

7. Other Public Spaces Updates

Ms. Lauer reported about initial discussions about holiday lights in public spaces. They are also overseeing the dog waste stations, which are now installed. The committee will also review doing a dog waste campaign. Mr. Burkart encouraged the subcommittee to review the Village website on the Shorewood Waters Project. He also informed the Committee on the downspout disconnection program. There was additional talk about promoting rain barrels and rain gardens.

8. Discuss and Consider Future Agenda Items

Mr. Brunk proposed adding crosswalks and pedestrian safety along Lake Drive as a future agenda item. The Committee determined to put this on the October agenda for the full Committee to discuss.

9. Adjournment.

Ms. Pedraza moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lodge seconded the motion. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager