



Parks Commission

Minutes

October 8, 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: Lybra Loest, Jenny Vulpas, Bonnie Pedraza, Enrique Figueroa, Mark Schill, and Julie Bradisse

Members not present: Kathy Yanoff

2. Consider Minutes from Meeting on September 10, 2019

Mr. Figueroa moved to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pedraza. Motion approved by 6-0 vote.

3. Discuss Results of the Triangle Park Community Meeting

The group discussed and agreed on the following primary goals of the improvements should:

- Maximize open space for active play
- Provide some passive areas for sitting (additional benches, possibly trash can, assuming it is maintained)
- Improved overall maintenance of the park

After talking with two members of the Shorewood Women's Club, the group made a recommendation to relocate the flagpole to the west end of the park (at the tip of the triangle). The Women's Club was in agreement with this relocation. Additionally, they would like to contribute to new site furnishings, such as potentially donating a park bench. They've asked the Commission to keep them informed on the process.

The group voted to invite the Village Horticulturalist to our November Parks Commission meeting to discuss and clarify the Commission's recommendations for design, planting, and maintenance of Triangle Park. He would present his concepts at the February 2020 Parks Commission. The Commission would then like to invite the public to view and provide feedback on the concept plans at the March 2020 meeting.

The group would like to get 2-3 concepts from the Horticulturist that address the following:

- Provide inventory of existing plantings that informs on health of existing plantings, invasive vs. native/ornamental.
- Provide recommendations on tree, shrub or invasive removals and with recommended replacement plantings. The Commission would like to see some successional trees planted along the Eastern edge of the park.
- Provide recommendation on re-grading the lawn to improve "lumpy" spots, and also address drainage issues to the south.

- Provide recommendations for a privacy barrier along the eastern edge of the park. This could be an ornamental fencing or art wall, screening with plantings, or a combination of both.
- Provide a site plan that can accommodate additional benches without encroaching on the open field play space.
- Site plan should include relocating the flagpole to the Western tip of the park. Special paving and/or low plantings around the flag pole that allows for more visibility around the flag and also make the Women's Club donor plaque more pronounced. It is currently completely hidden.
- Explore options for additional "patio" style seating for passive hangout space where families could picnic. This may include a picnic table.
- Provide cost estimates for these recommendations, including relocation of the flagpole.

The group would like to send out a Triangle Park Update mailer to inform the community of the Commission's plans to explore new improvements and maintenance. The Commission will let the public know they are working with the Village Horticulturalist and that revised plans will be made available in March 2020 for feedback.

Additional questions for Village staff:

- Did we get answers from the DPW on the maintenance schedule? Can we realistically anticipate additional maintenance?
- If we locate a trash can in the park, will it get maintained?
- Has the Village had any further discussion on adding dog waste receptacles to the Village?

4. Discuss Next Aspects of the 2020 Shorewood Loves Dogs Campaign

The Commission agreed to continue with this campaign but would like to explore a more robust approach to sharing the message. This could include developing a more professional "Poo Facts" marketing materials, more clearly defining the role and expectations of the Mascot Parents in sharing the mission statement, and developing a metric for determining the success/impact of the campaign. The Commission would also like to schedule an update with Kay Donlevy on any updates she may have.

5. Future Agenda Items and Schedule Next Meeting

The Commission moved to meet in November and invite the Horticulturalist to present at their meeting. Additionally, the Commission would like to revisit the results of the survey as it pertains to the 2019 Atwater Beach amenities question. The Commission will discuss any potential follow-up regarding potentially adding vendors, amenities, or other necessary Atwater Park site amenities (i.e. additional trash cans, use of public rest rooms, etc.)

The Commission would also like to continue the discussion of a more aesthetically pleasing solution to the barricades at the north/south ends of the park. It was agreed they did not want to re-open discussion on the legality of beach walking but would like to find a more "parks friendly" demarcation for the park bounds.

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6. Adjournment.

Ms. Vulpas moved, seconded by Ms. Pedraza to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager