

MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2016

Attended by: Ronny Hardaway, Chair
Phil Dankert, Member
John Dennis, Member
Lynn Leopold, Member
Monica Moll, Member
Gerry Monaghan
Deborah Dawson, Secretary

Guests: Robert Miller, Developer, Millcroft, Phase 1
Dennis Will, Principal, Play by Design

Hardaway called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Hardaway welcomed Robert Miller, developer of the Millcroft, Phase 1. Miller reviewed his overall plans for Millcroft, Phases 1 (built), II (permit approved, but not built), and III (neither permitted nor built). All three Phases were planned to occupy an approximately 50-acre parcel that will eventually include a Village Park. Phase 1 includes a crushed stone path, built to road specifications, that runs along Millcroft Drive. A second path was planned to run along the western edge of the Phase I neighborhood and beside one of the development's retention ponds. Miller graded the property for the path, and then deeded that portion of the property to the Village. This yet-to-be-built path is planned to continue through the Phase II neighborhood and to a portion of the parcel (abutting Craft Road) deeded to the Village for a park. However, Miller has put the parcel (excluding the Phase I lots already sold and the parcels already deeded to the Village) up for sale, and he will not be developing the Phase II neighborhood.

Moll introduced Dennis Will of Play by Design (PbD), a local company that designs and assists with the construction of "community build" playgrounds. Will stressed that their playgrounds are custom designed to meet the budgetary and program goals of the client. PbD plans the playground by conducting a "Design Day" at one or more local schools, asking the children who will use the playground what equipment they would like to have. PbD reports the Design Day results to the client, and then PbD and the client create a design. PbD generates a list of equipment and materials needed to build the design, and then the negotiation between budget and "wants" begins. Will stressed that cost is driven by the equipment and materials chosen by the client. (*E.g.*, the cost of surface materials vary by up to \$15 per square foot; stainless steel slides cost as much as \$45K, while plastic slides cost a fraction of that amount; special "liberty" swings

cost \$18K; and different materials like pressure treated wood, construction grade plastic, and composites vary in cost.) PbD provides project management services, including design, materials, and on-site supervision. The community provides the manpower, including fundraising efforts. This is a process that requires the commitment of a large group of volunteers, organized into committees/subcommittees. Will observed that the process of building a playground also builds a strong sense of community.

Monaghan reported that he had discussed the formation of a “Friends of Shannon Park” group with several residents of the Shannon Park neighborhood, and there is a healthy amount of interest in the idea. He proposed that the group would assist in planning and maintaining improvements to the “pocket park” on the corner of Beckett Way and Edgewood Drive, as well as the path between the Mall and the neighborhood.

Monaghan proposed the following improvements to the park:

- Prune back the vegetation around the perimeter of the park, and remove invasive species;
- Construct a split-rail fence against the road side of the vegetation at the perimeter of the park, to delineate the park border;
- Place a discreet wooden sign identifying the park on the fence;
- Repair/replace the bench on the south side of the marsh/pond;
- And add a new bench on the north side of the marsh.

Monaghan indicated that he had discussed these changes with John Courtney, who was enthusiastic about the proposed improvements and opined that it would not be difficult to maintain them.

Hardaway shared an updated rough sketch of the Dart park plan, reflecting changes suggested by John Courtney after grubbing on the Dart parcels. Monaghan indicated that he wants as much of the habitat on the park parcel preserved for birds and wildlife, and suggested that we install birdhouses and bat boxes in the park. Dennis stressed that we should select park improvements that have a minimal carbon footprint.

Hardaway reported that the public meeting on the park was scheduled as part of the June 6 Board of Trustees meeting.

Dennis reported that he had talked with Kim Michaels of Trowbridge Wolf & Michaels, the local expert on permeable paving. She indicated that Cayuga Medical Center had used permeable paving for one of their parking lots, and that their maintenance experience had been very positive: the paving has held up quite well with minimal annual maintenance. Apparently, permeable concrete is not a good option for the soil in the Village; permeable asphalt is a much better choice. Michaels noted that the cost of permeable asphalt has decreased considerably,

especially as contractors' experience with the material has grown. Finally, she told Dennis that you need a civil engineer to survey a site for permeable paving.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm, because several members had to leave.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2016
3:00 pm
Village Hall

Action Items: Dennis to continue research on permeable paving
Hardaway to prepare presentation for public meeting on new park
Hardaway to create informational flyer for public meeting on new park for printing via Village Office
Leopold to meet with DPW and Greenway Committee member at new Dart-parcel park to identify trees to be saved or removed
Moll to provide NY State grant guidelines and schedule information for Village park equipment
Monaghan to provide Shannon Park planning information:
Friends of Shannon Park status
Research cost and suppliers of park improvements for budget planning:
§ Split fence
§ Benches and their slab foundations
§ Culvert replacement via DPW