

MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 17, 2017

Attended by: Ronny Hardaway, Chair
Larry Bieri, Member
Phil Dankert, Member
Lynn Leopold, Member
Monica Moll, Member
Deborah Dawson, Secretary

Ronny Hardaway called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Hardaway presented the status of the outstanding status items:

- *T.G. Miller to is to perform a survey of the new park, but the survey date is unknown*
- *Harner to update engineering drawing based on feedback from Committee and Courtney. The engineering drawing relies on the engineering survey, above.*
- *Courtney to contact Committee about any changes required for replacement playground equipment's and/or tree removals in Village Park. Tree removals and playground equipment location finalized by DPW crew.*
- *Courtney to contact R.E. Woodson for instructions/guidance on preparing the Village Park grounds for equipment installation, and to arrange a schedule for their installers to begin installation. The pad for the replacement equipment is finished and waiting for R.E. Woodson installers to arrive at the end of May.*
- *Courtney to provide information on pathway lighting to Committee. This is still TBD – due to busy DPW scheduled projects.*
- *Hardaway to continue Greenway Plan updates. No progress since last meeting.*
- *Committee members to review the online document for accuracy and suggested changes. No feedback provided before today's meeting.*
- *Hardaway and Moll to begin RFQ process for new park equipment. Three RFQs have been sent to three bidders. Deadline for quote submissions is Friday, May 26.*
- *Hardaway and Moll to capture Village trails maps from Google Maps. Park maps are almost complete – still require park information on Lansing Trails pocket park. Leopold mentioned parking spaces and a retention pond off of Blackchin Road that committee might want to add to the Greenway Plan.*
- *Committee to seek Village trails information for inclusion in Cornell Maps database. Hardaway will complete this information for submission while generating Trails section of new Greenway Plan. Bieri offered to gather some of the trail information and provide it to Hardaway.*

Hardaway provided a status on the new park on Northwood Road. The RFQs were sent yesterday (5/16/17), and Hardaway and Moll are waiting for submitted quotes from bidders. Two retention ponds have been built and silt socks have been installed. TG Miller engineering study is to be

done soon. The engineering study will document remaining trees, topography, stormwater mitigation for the County and Village records. Removed trees and shrubs will be chipped by tub grinder rented from Tompkins County, but the grinder is undergoing repair service. Hardaway understood that the chips will be distributed in the new park's soil, but Bieri thinks that the county will carry the chips away. Hardaway will confirm with John Courtney.

Bieri mentioned a stationary wall being installed in a park that could be used like an outdoor handball or racquet ball court. Committee members were interested in this for a future installation in the new park. More research will be needed, however.

The Committee discussed Poison Ivy Point as a future park. Leopold believes that it is now a wetland and should be left as is due to the amount of work and mitigation required in a wetlands area. Committee asked Leopold to write a draft recommendation to be included in the Greenway Plan for leaving Poison Ivy Point as is.

The Committee also discussed a potential Cayuga Lake shoreline park north of the Bolton Point inlet station. It is uncertain if this property is privately- or Village-owned property. Committee decided to perform future research on the ownership, access rights, and possibility of creating a park in this location.

Hardaway gave a status of the Village Park. The DPW performed tree removal in the park, and prepared the substructure and surface for the replacement equipment. The R.E. Woodson installers will arrive at the end of May and will install the equipment over 3 or 4 days. Fence repairs at the park have started, but will not be completed until after the park equipment is installed.

The Committee discussed new benches for all the Village parks:

- Shannon Park: 1 bench
- Village Park: 2 benches
- Dankert Park: 2 or 3 benches
- New Park: number of benches are TBD.

The benches would be the powder-coated iron benches recommended by John Courtney. Moll recommended that the bench colors should be “lighter” to prevent the metal from getting too hot for sitting.

Moll also requested a picnic table be placed under the shade tree near the Dankert Park playground.

The Committee discussed plans for Shannon Park. The new “Friends of Shannon Park” group will be clearing out the old shrubs in the park on Saturday, June 10. Hardaway hopes to attend, and invited the Committee members to attend, also. Six new trees will be installed in the Beckett Way boulevard. The Village will pay for four of the trees, and the Friends of Shannon Park is raising money to buy two additional trees.

Hardaway spoke briefly about a potential new Village greenspace in the Lansing Trails area. Mike and Nicole Baker have planted nine Norway spruce trees just north of their property on Nor Way as a privacy planting. The trees are on land owned by Lisa Bonniwell (who gave permission to plant the trees.) The property is bounded by Nor Way, Ayla Way, and Jon Stone Circle, and is currently traversed by several rough trails. At some time in the future, this piece of property will be dedicated to the Village as greenspace or a park. Hardaway and Courtney met with Nicole Baker and approved the location of the trees. Hardaway asked the Bakers to retain their invoices for the trees so that, when the property is signed over to the Village, the Village trustees might reimburse them for part of the tree plantings.

Bieri asked who was responsible for the flowers in the Village's planter boxes. The Village will pay for the plants, and volunteers take care of the plantings and maintenance. Jim Orcutt, has volunteered to maintain the plantings this year. This also led to a discussion about dead or dying trees on Triphammer within the public right-of-way. Hardaway will speak with John Courtney about how and when those trees can be removed and/or replaced with site-appropriate trees. The Committee also decided to add a section to the Greenway plan to list all Village gardens that need to be maintained, and recommend a yearly maintenance schedule.

Hardaway asked the Committee members to read the current version of the draft Greenway Plan and provide feedback on its content and scope. The next stage of the plan's content is to create maps of the Village trails (similar to the maps of Village parks.) As the trails' information is captured, Hardaway will also add it to the spreadsheet provided by the Cornell Maps Database people. Once the trails' information is complete, it will be sent to Cornell for inclusion in their database – which will also become visible on the online County Trails website.

Committee members decided that the Committee would skip its August meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Next meeting: 3:00 pm, Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Village Hall

Action items: Hardaway to continue with Greenway Plan updates, and will insert new section on "Village Gardens."
Committee members to read and critique the draft Greenway Plan, and send their comments to Hardaway.
Hardaway and Moll to assess and select bids for new park equipment.
Bieri to provide trails information to Hardaway for updated plan.
Hardaway to confirm usage of new park chips with Courtney.
Leopold to write a draft recommendation for Poison Ivy Point.
Hardaway to speak with Courtney on dead trees on Triphammer Road.