

MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 21, 2017

Attended by: Ronny Hardaway, Chair
Larry Bieri, Member
Phil Dankert, Member
Deborah Dawson, Secretary

Ronny Hardaway called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Hardaway reported the status of outstanding action items.

- Hardaway received a list of Village “flower boxes,” and will include them in the Greenway Plan. Phil Dankert noted that there is no longer a flower box in Dankert Park, and Hardaway will remove that one from the list.
- Hardaway received feedback on the draft Greenway Plan from Larry Bieri and Deborah Dawson. The draft would be discussed later in the meeting
- There was a problem with the first bid request that was sent for playground equipment for the Dart parcel park, so Hardaway will have to send a new one. Because the total amount for the equipment will exceed \$35,000, a more formal bid process must be followed, and must require that installers be paid at or above the prevailing wage in Tompkins County, and that they be insured.
- Bieri provided Hardaway with information about additional trails in the Village. Hardaway is still collecting and collating information about trail characteristics and GPS coordinates for all Village trails.
- John Courtney advised Hardaway that the large quantity of wood chips from the trees cut down on the Dart parcel were contaminated with invasive species. Courtney plans to use them under berms in the new park, so that they will be deeply buried.
- Lynn Leopold advised Hardaway that her draft recommendations re: Poison Ivy Point will be ready in the next two weeks.
- Lisa Schleelein has agreed to walk with Hardaway along N.Triphammer Road and identify which trees need to be replaced.

Deborah Dawson mentioned that there are several evergreen trees in the boulevard on Northwood Road that appear to be dying. Hardaway reported that he had discussed this issue with Courtney, that Courtney was aware of the problem, and that DPW would be removing and replacing the trees. The Committee members will have to determine appropriate tree species for heavily trafficked areas like N.Triphammer Road and the Northwood Road boulevard.

Committee members discussed additions and changes to the draft Greenway Plan. Bieri had three pages of handwritten notes that he will provide to Hardaway. The members discussed the pros and cons of using temporary revocable easements, and raised concerns about potential liability for mapping trail segments on Village streets and roads that do not have sidewalks. (The members all believe that the Village must build more sidewalks in existing neighborhoods.) The Committee agreed that the draft should make consistent use of defined terms like paths, trails, bikeways, and bike paths, and that current projects and short term goals should be set out in an additional appendix to the Plan itself.

The Committee discussed the updated layout of the Dart parcel park. Changes were dictated by T.G.Miller's survey of the park topography and the necessary siting of stormwater features.

Hardaway reported that DPW still has to do some clean-up, grading, and planting at Village Park before they can remove their equipment and repair or replace the fence.

Hardaway reported that he participated with the Friends of Shannon Park in a June 10 clean-up project on the pocket park in that neighborhood. The group was excited and made good progress, although there is still some heavy-duty clearing work that DPW must do.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Next meeting: 3:00 pm, Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Village Hall

Action items: Leopold to submit written recommendations re: Poison Ivy Point
Hardaway to advertise request for bids on playground equipment for Dart
parcel park
Hardaway to incorporate Committee members' comments in draft Plan
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