

## MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 17, 2016

**Attended by:** Ronny Hardaway, Chair  
Phil Dankert, Member  
Lynn Leopold, Member  
Gerry Monaghan, Member  
Deborah Dawson, Secretary

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

The members discussed the suggestions/recommendations for the Shannon Park pocket park that resulted from the Friends of Shannon Park meeting and the Committee's field trip on August 3. These will be forwarded to John Courtney and DPW. Since none of the pocket park issues are critical, the Committee will leave it to Courtney to prioritize them as DPW's currently crowded schedule permits.

Monaghan mentioned that the Friends of Shannon Park would like to see new trees planted in the Shannon Park boulevard. He reported that Cayuga Landscaping advised planting columnar maples, columnar oaks, or hornbeams in that space, since all of those trees are well suited to narrow planting spaces. The Committee agreed that this planting would be an item to request for inclusion in the Village's 2017-18 budget, along with a request for tree plantings in Dankert Park. Leopold advised that the Committee should plan on submitting its "wish list" for the 2017-18 budget to the Board of Trustees by February 2017.

Hardaway reported that the playground equipment in Village Park will probably have to be removed without delay. Courtney and DPW examined the equipment and observed that many of the main structural members were rotted through, eaten away, and/or very soft, thereby posing a safety hazard for children using the equipment. He reported these conditions to the Village Board of Trustees at its August 15 meeting, and the Trustees agreed that the equipment should be taken down as soon as possible. Hardaway visited Village Park with Courtney on August 16, and confirmed that the condition of the playground equipment is compromised. He indicated that Courtney and DPW plan to get the equipment taken down and cleared away in a single day's work, as soon as possible. They will also be removing trees, clearing undergrowth, and leveling the area to facilitate installation of replacement equipment when the Village acquires it.

Hardaway reported that he had a list of playground equipment vendors that are on the NYS bid list. The Village can purchase replacement equipment from these vendors without going through an extended bid process. Hardaway will send the Committee members links to these approved vendors' websites. He asked that the members visit the sites and look for equipment

configurations that would be appropriate for Village Park, specifically, equipment designed for the 5-12 age range. (Once the configuration is determined, the vendor will guide the Village to select and order the components necessary to create the configuration.) Hardaway asked that the members send him their configuration preferences before the next Committee meeting. He suggested that the members consider what equipment the old Village Park playground included, and aim to replace those functions with the new equipment.

The members expressed concern about the cost of replacing the Village Park playground, and how the Village would pay for it. Hardaway reported that the 2008 bids for the Dankert Park playground were \$32.2 thousand and \$39.8 thousand, and that approximately half of those amounts were for installation. (The possibility that DPW could install some or all of the replacement equipment was raised and should be explored, although potential liability issues may make this inadvisable.) The Village could use the bulk of the 2016-17 funds it had set aside for the new Dart parcel park – money that it won't be able to spend for that purpose this year because of the Northwoods Road issues – to pay for the replacement equipment. The Committee will be cost-conscious in selecting and recommending replacement equipment.

The members agreed that the Village should post a sign at the park, and send a letter or announcement to local media, to explain why the playground equipment was being removed and to reassure residents that new equipment would be installed as soon as possible. Monaghan agreed to create a layout for a vinyl sign to put up on the fence at Village Park. Hardaway and Dawson agreed to draft a letter/announcement to be sent to local media.

Monaghan suggested that Village Park be merged into Dankert Park. This would require an LS crosswalk on Uptown Road and one or more “yield to pedestrians” sign(s). The Committee will consider making this recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Hardaway advised Leopold that Courtney would be available to look at trees on the Village's park sites during the last two weeks of August. Leopold indicated that she would be unavailable between August 31 and September 13, but that she would be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, and throughout the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for the rest of August. Based on this information, Hardaway will coordinate a time for Courtney and Leopold to conduct a “tree review.”

Monaghan asked that the Friends of Shannon Park's request for a split rail fence at the pocket park be filled out of this year's budget. Monaghan will shop around for the best price on the fence components, and coordinate with Courtney.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
3:00 pm  
Village Hall

**Action Items:** Hardaway and Dawson to draft announcement re: Village Park playground for local media  
Hardaway to coordinate date/time for tree “review” by Courtney and Leopold  
Monaghan to create layout for sign for Village Park  
Monaghan to shop for best price on split rail fence  
Hardaway to send all members links to equipment vendors on NYS bid list  
All members to review configurations for replacement playground