

**MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 21, 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 3:04 pm.

Hardaway thanked Committee members for their review and recommendations with respect to playground equipment to replace the old equipment at Village Park. The three “finalists” were PlayWorld’s “Off the Grid,” PlayWorld’s “Millenium,” and Play & Park Structures’ “Vision Quest.” The only option for which we have a firm price is “Millenium,” which R.E. Woodson quoted at \$22,431.41, including 2 arched swing bays (each with one belt swing and one infant swing), poly border timbers, and delivery. A special DuraLiner and “wood carpet” truckload offer of \$2,779 would come with this pricing. DPW would have to be on hand to unload the delivery. John Courtney has advised Hardaway that the equipment should be professionally installed. Woodson will install it for \$11,325, for a total of \$36,535.41. Woodson is working up a quote on “Off the Grid,” and Hardaway expects it will be within a \$1,000 of the “Millenium” price.

“Off the Grid” in the “Moss” colorway was the overwhelming favorite of the Committee because of its functionality, sturdiness, and appearance. Hardaway said he would have to check with Courtney to make sure that the Village Park area could accommodate “Off the Grid’s” slightly larger size. Assuming that it will fit in the park’s play area, Hardaway will forward the Committee’s recommendation to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting. If the unit is too large for the Village Park, he will advise the Committee and recommend “Millenium” instead.

At the Committee’s urging, Hardaway agreed to ask the Trustees to have the current Village Park equipment removed as soon as the replacement equipment is ordered. It will take 4-6 weeks from the order date for the equipment to arrive. This will give DPW time to remove the old equipment, remove the necessary trees, and prepare the site for installation of the new equipment. Courtney has advised Hardaway that DPW will remove as few trees as possible, consistent with safety requirements and the health of the trees on the site.

In response to a question from Monaghan, Hardaway indicated that DPW is arranging for necessary repairs on the fences at Village and Dankert Parks, as well as on the backstop at the sports field in Dankert Park.

Hardaway advised the Committee that the Village now owns Northwood Road. Work will proceed as soon as possible on repairing the culvert under the road and extending the boulevard structure of the road all the way to Woodthrush Hollow. It seems likely that major physical work on the Dart parcel park will be able to proceed next spring. The Committee aims to hit the ground running as soon as spring arrives. To that end, the members want to do as much advance site planning as possible over the winter. The Committee will explore the need, and availability of funds, for the assistance of a consultant/landscape architect. No one is sure what will remain of the Committee's initial \$50,000 budget after paying for Village Park playground equipment and the preliminary clearing of underbrush on the Dart parcel earlier this year. Hardaway said that Jodi Dake can give us the numbers if and when we need them. The members expressed the hope that the Trustees will allocate a significant amount from the Village's capital reserve to construction of the park.

Hardaway informed the Committee that the Planning Board had discussed and rejected a proposal to form a committee to evaluate landscaping proposals in connection with site plan reviews. Leopold stated that what the Village needs is a Landscaping Committee to plan, review, and maintain plantings on Village property. The Committee agreed that DPW lacked the time and expertise to perform this work. It was the consensus that the Greenway Plan will recommend the formation of a standing committee - with a budget equal to the task - that would be responsible for evaluating Village plantings, making recommendations for new plantings and ongoing maintenance, and arranging for routine periodic maintenance. Leopold stressed that, in the future, the Village should select plantings that are low maintenance and drought resistant. She and Hardaway agreed that Village landscaping should be designed to facilitate DPW's maintenance and mowing of the areas immediately surrounding plantings.

Hardaway reviewed progress on action items from the Committee's August meeting:

- A media announcement about the Village Park playground equipment was placed by Jodi Dake;
- Leopold's tree review remains pending, but she will review trees at Village Park and on the Dart parcel before the next meeting, with assistance from Monaghan;
- A sign was made and posted in Village Park, and the neighborhood children are now using the Dankert Park playground equipment; and
- Monaghan is working on the split rail fence for the Shannon Park pocket park, and anticipates that it will cost no more than \$500.

New Business: Monaghan reported that Shannon Park residents have seen motorcyclists riding on the trail that connects the Ithaca Mall parking lots with the Shannon Park neighborhood. This raises serious issues with respect to safety and potential liability. The Committee agreed that this problem should be reported to Marty Mosely.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
3:00 pm  
Village Hall

**Action Items:** Hardaway to follow up with R.E. Woodson re: "Off the Grid" pricing  
Leopold and Monaghan to review trees at Village Park and on Dart parcel  
Monaghan to continue work on fence for Shannon Park pocket park  
Monaghan to discuss motorcycle problem with Mosely