

MEETING MINUTES – GREENSPACE COMMITTEE

March 21, 2024

Present: Kay Mackay, Jodi Reilly, Lisa Scott Ptacek, Karen Zimmerman, Robin Posnanski, Karen Horwitz, Molly Buhler, Rocco Castellano, Amy Cermak, Dori Panthofer, Daniel Widmar, Susan Hamilton, Bob O'Brien, Kristin Wright

Kristin Wright served as chair for Mark Schall who was called away on a family commitment.

Kristin opened the meeting by offering a short explanation how the board had gotten to the point they are at today regarding greenspace and erosion issues. She explained the objectives of the meeting were to be a listening session to share concerns and ideas, offer assistance to the Board and then prioritize short and long term plans going forward.

Susan Hamilton made the motion to suspend Robert's Rules to allow open discussion, motion seconded by Rocco Castellano, all in favor, none opposed.

Numerous concerns were identified including

- Lakefront erosion, groins or jetties deteriorating and boulders detached and in lake, safety of surfers due to boulders in lake

- Erosion of land/soil in parkway due to removal of plants and lack of trees

- Bridge maintenance on Vincennes and Hennepin

- Stairway to beach in bad shape and a liability

- Ravine maintenance

- Grants available to help fund lakefront work

- Consistency of Aspen mowing near ravine

- Board needing active assistance from residents and others

Before talking specifics as to what to do, Rocco explained the Village needs to hire an engineering firm to study and provide data based on an engineering, landscape, structural, and ecological discipline before a critical path going forward can be identified. Multiple people agreed with his assessment. Kristin explained in 2008 Graef Engineering was used to address the bridge issues and landscaping. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would need to be completed and work bid out. Once the firm provides their report, a designer would need to be contracted to look at a 20 - 100 year solution. Eventually, a construction manager would need to be hired to manage the projects to be undertaken.

Engineering firms suggested were Graef, V3, Smith Group (in Milwaukee) and others that Rocco may identify.

Some additional comments to be aware of from meeting

Question as to who owns jetties (person or Village); groins are for beach/sand preservation; Army Corp in 2008 said no more groins

Concern regarding clear cutting ravines and what Aspen expected to do and when

Need to talk with Aspen about what they are to mow and maintain in Village

Liability of residents who sign encroachment document provided by Village

NEXT STEPS:

Rocco and Susan will draft RFP, send to Committee prior to next meeting

Kay and Kristin to review the encroachment document people along ravine need to sign and identify properties that extend to the ravine

Committee member needs to think of what they would like addressed by an engineering firm that would be included in the RFP

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 28, 5 pm, Village Hall