

Minutes
Of the
Parks and Green Spaces Committee
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Held outdoors at
The Western Grove Urban Park
At 4:00 PM

The following people attended the meeting: Carol Coffin, Sue Cohen, Susan Dixon, Jorie Jurgens, Leslie McKay, Mildred Nance, Ellen Sands, Chevy Chase Village Administrator; Margo Kingston and Susan Kilborn, Co-Chairs.

The meeting was brought to order by Margo Kingston. She reminded everyone of the agreed change of date for our meetings to the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Our last meeting until fall will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

HONEYBEE TALK: Margo spoke about the possibility of a honeybee talk being given to Village residents in the coming months. The Parks and Green Spaces Committee would offer this talk at the Village Hall in the early evening with light refreshments offered. The speaker would bring a live hive and discuss plants to be

grown in our gardens to draw bees that will help pollinate the garden. She will give more information as it becomes available.

FERNS: Ellen Sands informed the Committee that instead of planting more ferns now at the Western entrance to the Buffer the decision was made to wait till autumn to plants additional ferns. Those planted last year have survived the winter and continue to grow. The goal is for ferns to spread until they provide an abundant green welcome of ferns growing so close together there is no space for weeds to grow in the fern planting bed.

Since the Village Board of Managers voted to remove the ailing boxwood between Grafton Street and Magnolia Parkway, the Committee will try to propagate cuttings of the boxwood at our June meeting. Late June is said to be the best time to propagate as there will be ample new growth to use as cuttings.

REPORTING ON PARKS: Forms* (see attached) were passed out to committee members. A short update on the Village's parks will be given whenever needed. These "state of the parks" forms will be sent to Ellen Sands and the Co-Chairs. This will be a way to follow up on suggested work needing to be done in a specific park.

On the East side of the Village:

Leslie McKay will be in charge of NEWLANDS PARK.

On the West side of the Village:

Carol Coffin – Hesketh Street Right of Way

Sue Cohen – The small Triangle Park

Susan Dixon – The Buffer

Jorie Jurgens – The Large Triangle Park

Mildred Nance – Oliver and Belmont Sts.

Margo Kingston – The Buffer/Fern bed

Susan Kilborn – Fern Bed/The False

Cypress Right of Way

BOB ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PLAQUE: The plaque has been installed in the northwest corner of the large triangle park in memory of Bob's many years of volunteer work on the Tree Committee. We walked over to see it.

BUFFER: Ellen Sands met with the County engineer at the buffer. The effort to mitigate and ameliorate the muddy conditions is ongoing. The Board approved the recommendation to use a camera to investigate the infrastructure of the buffer pipes. Some pipes are broken and water collects there. The steel grate farther down was never installed correctly and stands too high to allow free water flow into it. The engineer

recommends limbing-up trees in the Right of Way as well. On July 1 the photographing of the pipes will begin.

Small stones were placed beside the entrance walkway and were continued into the planting bed to direct and draw off excess water from the brick walkway.

WESTERN GROVE PARK: Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village have a joint maintenance agreement for care of this park.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

REMINDER: You can go to the Village website to learn about pesticide rules.

MOTTO

***Respect science, Respect nature,
Respect each other***

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Kingston
Susan Kilborn