

Minutes: Green Space meeting, March 25, 2019, 10 AM

In attendance: Margaret Williford, Ausra Zarins, Sandy Komasiński

Attending by phone: Joan Solbeck

Absent: Barb Vanecko

This is a special meeting for the group to work on the slides that will be used for the presentation for the ABSR Sunday Series on April 7.

The presentation is to explain the work of the Green Space Committee. The Shirley Heinze Trust will also make a presentation.

Copies of the new brochure will be available for the presentation.

Our next meeting: Monday April 22

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Komasiński

The May 21<sup>st</sup> , 2019 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko, and Ausra Zarins and our Town Council Liaison, Matrona Malik. .

Our joint presentation with the Shirley Heinze organization in April was well attended and the committee felt that questions from those in attendance provided a good opportunity to inform the townspeople about the two organizations and their respective functions.

We have been requested to provide the Town with the appraised value of the twenty lots donated to Green Space at the date of their acceptance by the Town so that this information can be used for audits. We discussed different ways of possibly obtaining this information. Margaret stated that more current donations would be available on the assessor's website but that we might have more difficulty finding the older donations. Margaret will compile a list of the lots and the values we have to date. Ausra volunteered to look into finding the missing lots. The basis will be calculated on the year donated because no tax would be charged thereafter.

It was determined that we should have a file for each lot to be kept in the Clerk's office; a future committee might have need for information on a donation when we are no longer part of the committee.

Barbara will again contact the person she previously talked with to determine the status of her concerns. The potential donor will need to pay the taxes in arrears as long as she owns the property.

Our April minutes were approved. Our next meeting will be held on June 24th at 9:00 AM.....the time of our future meetings will be discussed at this meeting.

Our meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Vanecko

The July 22, 2019 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins, Joan Solbeck and our Town Council Liaison, Matrona Malik. .

As the town has requested, we have completed our task of obtaining the assessed value of the twenty lots thus far donated to Green Space, the value being determined at the date of their acceptance.

Margaret has not heard back from the person who previously contacted her about donating three lots to Green Space.

Sandy has completed a spreadsheet showing the information we have on the twenty lots donated to date. We will create a file for each lot to be kept in the Clerk's office; a future committee might have need for information on a donation when we are no longer a part of the committee.

Barbara is in contact with the person she previously talked with to determine the status of her donation concerns. The potential donor will need to pay the taxes in arrears as long as she owns the property. Her difficulties with settling her husband's estate are hindering her progress since she lives in North Carolina.

Our June minutes were approved. Our next meeting will be held on August 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM.....the time of all of our future meetings has been set at 10:00AM. Due to vacations, we will skip our September meeting and will commence meeting again on October 28th and November 25th

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Our meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vanecko

The August 26, 2019 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins, and Joan Solbeck. Our Town Council Liaison, Matrona Malik was absent due to a schedule conflict. Our agenda was short since we had completed our task of obtaining the assessed values of the properties donated and accepted by the Town to date. Margaret has not heard back from the person who previously contacted her about donating three lots to Green Space. We discussed outreach to the community at the time of Beverly Shores residents' second property tax installments due in November. Barbara continues to be in contact with the North Carolina person who is working on her donation concerns. Due to vacations, we will skip our September meeting and will meet again on October 28th and November 25th

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Our meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vanecko

The October 28, 2019 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko and Ausra Zarins. Joan Solbeck joined us by audio connection. Our Town Council Liaison, Matrona Malik, was absent.

Once again we had a short agenda.

Margaret has not heard back from the person who previously contacted her about donating three lots to Green Space.

We discussed outreach to the community at the time of Beverly Shores residents' second property tax installments due in November.

Barbara continues to be in contact with the North Carolina person who is working on her donation concerns.

The Plan Commission is working on outreach to the community. With a new survey, they are trying to ascertain residents' priorities for the town for the future. When the Commission completes their report and presents it to the Town Council, we will be interested in their findings concerning our Green Space mission.

We will also be interested in the outcome of the Town Council November elections.

The next meeting of the Green Space Committee will be held on Monday, November 25th

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Our meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vanecko

The November 25, 2019 Green Space Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Beverly Shores Administration Building by Margaret Williford, President of the Green Space Committee. In attendance were Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins, Joan Solbeck and Town Council liaison, Matrona Malik. Sandy Komaskinski was absent.

A discussion was had about the recent inquiries from potential donors. Margaret Williford reported to the Committee that she had been contacted by the brother-in-law of the owner of a lot in Beverly Shores which was titled in the names of the surviving owner and two deceased joint owners. Margaret emailed to the owner's brother-in-law a copy of the Green Space Committee's standard letter detailing the criteria by which the Committee is required to conduct due diligence of lots before submitting them to the Town Council for acceptance. Even though, in Margaret's opinion, clearing the title of the other two deceased owners' names appeared to be a relatively simple matter, the surviving owner's brother-in-law, who was acting on behalf of the surviving owner, decided to simply let the lot be sold at tax sale rather than donate it to the Town through the Green Space Initiative. His concern was that even preparing a Survivorship Affidavit might result in attorneys' fees or at least some inconvenience.

The Committee also discussed its role if a potential donor chose to have his or her lot designated as public park land and not as permanently protected green space as the Green Space Ordinance permits. Margaret said she would review the Ordinance and report back to the Committee on her opinion on what the Committee's role would be if such a scenario would ever arise.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Williford