Green Space Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2016, 10 AM, Administration Building

Members present: Margaret Williford, Ausra Zarins & Joan Solbeck (via Skype)

Topics discussed:
Selection of a new head of the Committee due to the unexpected death of Sara Leonard: Margaret was chosen.

Need for a new committee person: Town Council, at last Monday's meeting, suggested that we present some recommendations. We drew up a list of names and will be contacting these people to see if any are interested.

Joan's donation: The Town is ready to accept Joan's donation to Green Space. Guidelines for use of this money were discussed.

Report from Margaret's meeting with TC president Donna Norkus:
Changes needed in the language of our letters to prospective donors to indicate that land can be donated to Park Dept or Green Space. Margaret will take on this task.

Per new County Assessor regulations, we will need to notify perspective donors that last year taxes need to be paid at the time of donation at a 110% rate.

We are not to accept donations of property in the Beverly Shores Commercial zone -- US12 east of Broadway (to Lakeshore County Rd

Since meeting minutes will be posted on the new Town website, we voted to make Barbara our secretary.

Our next meeting will be Nov 14 at 10 am at the Administration Bldg. (Changed from our usual 4th Monday of the month due to Thanksgiving holidays).

The November 14, 2016 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Joan Solbeck, Ausra Zarins and Barbara Vanecko.

The Committee decided to send a mailing to some prospective donors at the time of our next meeting which will be held on the 4th Monday of April in 2017. Margaret Williford has prepared two letters, the initial one to be sent to prospective donors and the second as a follow up. Margaret will email the drafts of these letters to Barbara Vanecko, Secretary, and she will add a letterhead and ready them for mailing.

Since Green Space now has working funds which were donated by an anonymous Beverly Shores person in memory of our former President, Sara Leonard, the letters will describe how monies can be made available, if needed, to help defray the costs incurred by the donors in making their donations. The letters also discuss how the donor will be able to decide whether to mark their gift property to be used as public park land or designated as green space.

At their November meeting, the Beverly Shores Town Council will be voting on our recommendation to name Sandy Komasinsky to serve on the Green Space Committee effective on January 1, 2017. We look forward to welcoming Sandy at our next meeting.

Barbara Vanecko, Secretary