

**Village of Germantown Hills
Park Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Chairperson Heather Armistead called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Heather Armistead – Chair	Present	Y	Y				
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present	Y	Y				
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y				
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y				
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y				

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Director of Public Works

Nathan Henricks, Village Trustee

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

Zack Hecht, Public Works

- a. **February 16, 2023, Minutes-A motion** was made by Heather Armistead to approve the February 16, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon.
Motion passed #1.

2. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Village Park Concept**

Scott DeSplinter explained to the committee that they started with a natural concept for the development of the park vs a community aspect of development. Scott indicated in the end they combined the two concepts. The proposed concept allows for additions to be made along the way. The park trail will connect to the Fandel Road sidewalk and eventually J.R. White Park and Oak Grove Park. Scott explained the native concept has four main areas and two picnic areas. Scott noted there will be some mowed areas and some that will have wildflowers to grow naturally.

Heather Armistead asked if a potential pond was looked at.

Scott stated they went away from the pond idea due to there not being enough water depth for volume and a potential smell issue. Scott said they could look at it closer but initially there were costs and concerns. Scott explained the plan has a fenced dog park, scattered shade trees and picnic areas. There would be a mowed hiking and biking area with some potential Eagle Scout projects. Scott stated the plan shows a pickle ball court, playground area and a potential splash pad. There's a basic plan for a bandshell that CMT put together previously that was for a structure with restrooms that they may modify and use in the proposed park plan.

The committee discussed naming the park something other than "Village Park". Karl Figg was not in attendance but recommended calling it after a native tree or plant in the park.

Ann stated that she and Rich had discussed getting the community involved. Ann talked with Dan Mair from the school, and he suggested getting the social studies classes involved in naming the park. The committee agreed.

3. **Adjournment-A motion** was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk