

VOL Greenway Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11/12/2024 (hybrid Zoom meeting)

Attendees: Ronny Hardaway, Carolyn Greenwald, Lynn Leopold, Larry Bieri, Susan Piliero, Saramoira Shields, Jacob Von Mechow, and Jeff Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

This special meeting introduced potential new GW Committee members to the committee's history, goals, and current actions.

- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Greenwald discussed the Community Party and its apolitical goals to find, campaign for and elect Village elected officials.
- The meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation; however, the Village conference room laptop did not have the PowerPoint application installed. The committee presented the slides' content, and Hardaway will send a copy of the slides to all attendees after the meeting. The presentations slides included (see slides embedded in minutes, below):
 - Committee Members
 - Committee History
 - What is the Greenway Plan?
 - Greenwald discussed the relationship between the Village Comprehensive Plan and Greenway Plan.
 - There was a discussion about the significance of the Comprehensive Plan as it guides Village decisions on future goals and decisions.
 - Committee Responsibilities
 - There was a discussion of "Friends of Park" and how they monitor an adopted park.
 - Greenwald recommended forming a separate "Friends of Park" committee.
 - Current Committee Actions
 - Committee Meetings Schedule
 - For more information...
- Greenwald discussed how the potential new members' perspectives would be beneficial to the Greenway Plan's update or the Greenway sphere of efforts and discussions.

- Hardaway discussed the Greenway Committee webpage and the current Greenway Plan.
- Leopold discussed the importance of protecting existing parks and greenway areas.
- There was a brief discussion about the possible new park across from Marian Hartill Park.
- Bieri discussed the potential walkways on John Dennis' property.
- Hardaway explained that all Village-owned/managed sidewalks and trails are maintained by the Village DPW staff.
- There was a discussion about posting signs on some trails stating that they are not maintained in winter and walkers use the trails at their own risk. This would alleviate overburdening the DPW crew with winter plowing and maintenance efforts.
- There is currently no formal agreement with John Dennis for trails on his property.
- Piliero recommended "naming" trails.
- Von Mechow asked about members' responsibilities within the Greenway Committee.
- Leopold remembered that the Village hired a consultant for an early Greenway Plan.
- Greenwald talked about design guidelines from prior plans.
- Von Mechow asked about the percentage of greenspace within developments.
- Von Mechow asked about a trail/sidewalk overlay that guides developers' installing trails or sidewalks.
- Shields mentioned potential grants for trails/sidewalks. This led to a brief discussion of writing and managing grants within the Village. There are ways to include grant management with the Village grant application and request.
- Scott left the meeting early.
- Leopold briefly discussed prior Village grants.
- Shields explained that NYS has grant money that they want to award – otherwise, they might lose federal grant monies.

- Von Mechow clarified Greenway meetings frequency.
- Greenwald explained that the Comprehensive Plan has a Greenway section that would need to be reviewed by the Greenway Committee.
- Leopold recommended members visiting the Village parks.
- Hardaway explained the Village Google Map of Village parks.
- Piliero suggested that the Greenway Committee create a formal planting plan for Village residents to guide them on the best trees/plants. Current Village tree planting form's list must be updated.
- Hardaway will add new attendees to the Greenway Committee mail list, and they can request removal if wanted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

[[PRESENTATION SLIDES TO FOLLOW]]

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Greenway Committee Members

- ▶ Carolyn Greenwald, Trustee Member
- ▶ Ronny Hardaway, Trustee Member
- ▶ Lynn Leopold, Board of Zoning Appeals Member
- ▶ Larry E. Bieri, Community Representative

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Greenway Plan Committee History

- ▶ In August 2015, the Village of Lansing Board of Trustees established a committee to review and update the Village's 1994 Greenway Plan.
- ▶ The Greenway Plan Committee has guided the Greenway Plan through two revisions – one in 2018 and another in 2022.

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What is the Greenway Plan?

- ▶ Greenway Plan guides the development and use of Village of Lansing Municipal Parks, natural habitats, and recreation systems consisting of pathways, walkways, park land, and designated green or open space areas.
- ▶ The plan provides the Committee members' recommendations to the Village's Trustees for goals related to maintaining and expanding parks and greenways and providing public access to these recreational resources.
- ▶ Village Trustees approve the updated plan for final release.

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Greenway Committee Responsibilities

- ▶ Between Greenway Plan revisions, the committee regularly reviews the plan to ensure that its goals, actions, and information are up to date.
- ▶ Once a new plan update is launched, the committee meets more often to gather, review, and finalize the plan's changes.
- ▶ Oversees "Friends of Parks" for the Village.
- ▶ Advises the Village Planning Board on development projects' landscape plans as needed.

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Current Committee Actions

- ▶ Committee is researching updates to the Village's Comprehensive Plan to ensure that greenway goals are represented in the new comprehensive plan.
- ▶ Committee is advising the Town of Lansing Trails working group on future trails that might connect the Town and Village.

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Committee Meetings Schedule

- ▶ Dependent upon the age of the current Greenway Plan and proposed updates to its information or scope.
- ▶ Currently meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, but not every month.
- ▶ Hybrid, in-person/Zoom, meeting from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.
- ▶ Schedule can be amended per members' availability.

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For more information...

- ▶ Greenway Committee page on the Village's website:
vlansing.org/greenway-committee/
- ▶ Meeting recordings are on the Village's YouTube channel:
youtube.com/channel/UCe5I2xOZkIK8L5CXaX3Aeng

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