

HILLMOOR COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 – 7:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Alderperson Cindy Yager, Mark Davids, Kenneth Etten, Dan Getzen, Larry Happ, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, and Lowell Thompson. Consultant Michael Krajovic. City staff David Winger-City Parks Director.

Call to Order by Mayor Krause at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call - Present: Mayor Krause, Alderperson Cindy Yager, Kenneth Etten, Larry Happ, Lowell Thompson, Dan Getzen, Mark Davids, Paula Porubcan, and Peggy Schneider. Consultant Michael Krajovic, and Parks Director David Winger.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. (Public comments can be reviewed on the City's website.) No one spoke during the public comment period.

Presentation/Discussion regarding the Ecological Restoration Plan for the Hillmoor Property - Native Range Ecological – Clay Frazer, Principal Ecologist of Native Range, gave a presentation on some of his initial findings about the Hillmoor property. One of his initial findings included that timber companies might be interested in removing some invasive trees for their lumber value which could save the City money. He showed pictures of some legacy oak trees over 250 years old that were in need of help due to the heavy encroachment of invasives like Buckthorn. The invasives prevent younger oak trees from growing and threaten the entire oak forest echo system if not removed. He explained different methods for removing invasives including the importance of using the right biodegradable herbicides and applying them properly where and when needed. He also outlined the scope of work for this year with the goal of completing the final ecological restoration plan report by December. Commission members asked that restoration costs be provided in September before the final report so that future restoration activities could be considered in this year's City's budget process. Mr. Frazer will be giving the Commission future updates on the ecological restoration plan throughout the year.

Presentation/Discussion regarding the Final Conceptual Plan for Zone 1 – Upland Design Maria Blood, Landscape Architect for Upland Design, via Zoom video conferencing, presented the changes made to the preliminary final conceptual plan for Zone 1 that were recommended by the Commission at the March 13, 2026 meeting such as increasing the amphitheater's lawn space and adding a restroom by the new dog park. She explained that the modifications are being made to prepare the final conceptual plan that will be presented to the Commission for formal adoption at the upcoming April 9th meeting. Consultant M. Krajovic suggested that the Commission also begin considering the idea of prioritizing projects based on public input. He presented a draft of projects prioritized in four different phases for review by the Commission. Commission members discussed various projects and their importance. David Winger and Consultant M. Krajovic were directed to develop and send out a survey to Commission members to help them prioritize the 20+ projects contained in the conceptual plan with the objective of reviewing the results of the survey at the April 9th meeting.

Adjournment – On a motion by Larry Happ and seconded by Lowell Thompson to adjourn, the motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 pm.