

**JOINT PARKS & RECREATION BOARD/VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
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Present: Parks & Recreation Board: Chairperson Borgon; Vice Chairperson Goodrich;  
Members: Bresnahan, Hausman, Kondak, Ruprich, and Schmitt

Council: President Peddie; President Pro-Tem Abboud; Members: George,  
Hrydziusko, Mooney, Mueller, and Nunez

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson  
Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski

Chairperson Borgon called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Beverly Hill Council Chamber, 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, to approve the minutes of the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on November 21, 2019.

Motion passed (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD  
ANNUAL FORTE 5K RUN AT BEVERLY PARK ON MAY 17, 2020**

Groves High School has requested to hold their annual Forte 5K Run and Walk at Beverly Park and on Village streets on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM to benefit the Groves Orchestra. They have also requested to use the pavilion during this time and asked that the pavilion rental fees be waived. A copy of the proposed route was provided to the Board.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Goodrich, that the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends Village Council approve the request from Groves High School to hold their annual Forte 5K Run on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This event will begin and end at the Beverly Park pavilion and they will utilize Village streets and sidewalks for the run. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived for this event.

Motion passed (7-0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARK MILLAGE LANGUAGE FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT**

The current millage rates for the Village of Beverly Hills are set to expire in Fiscal Year 2021. In addition to renewing the General Fund, Public Safety, and Library rates, the Village Council is considering adding a dedicated park millage to the November 2020 ballot. Procedurally, the Parks

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& Recreation Board ought to provide a recommendation to the Village Council regarding the park millage rate.

Motion by Hausman, second by Ruprich, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends the following language to the Village Council for consideration and approval to be included on the November 3, 2020 ballot:

*The Village of Beverly Hills shall levy an additional 0.32 mill (32 cents [\$0.32] for each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of ten years, the years being 2021 to 2030, inclusive. Such new millage, which is estimated to raise \$203,274 the first year, shall be used exclusively to maintain, improve and enhance park facilities throughout the village.*

Motion passed (7-0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER SCHEDULING A GOAT YOGA EVENT AT BEVERLY PARK**

The Parks & Recreation Board previously discussed scheduling a yoga in the park event and/or a goat yoga event. Administration performed a search of local organizations that host goat yoga and the Original Goat Yoga™ - Lansing would be able to host the event at Beverly Park on either Saturday, June 27 or Sunday, June 28, 2020 for a group of 40 people. The 90-minute event would include 30 minutes of Goat Yoga and 60 minutes of Goat Happy Hour. Goat Happy Hour is the therapy portion of the event and gives the group the opportunity to bond and take photographs with the goats. The total cost to the Village would be \$1,760.08. The Board can determine a ticket price or suggested donation amount for participants to offset the cost or to donate to the tree fund. The Original Goat Yoga™ instructors would travel with 10 goats and yoga mats for everyone. They would be responsible for temporarily fencing in the area and cleaning up afterwards. The goat yoga event would align with the Village's Five Year Community Recreation Plan's key goal to "encourage healthy and active lifestyles."

Motion by Hausman, second by Goodrich, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends scheduling a goat yoga event on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Beverly Park to be hosted by Original Goat Yoga™ for the amount of \$1,760.08. Funds are available in GL: 101-747-894.00 Special Events. 40 tickets will be on sale in advance at the Village Office for the price of \$20.00 each.

Motion passed (6-1)  
Nay: Schmitt

President Pro-Tem Abboud arrived at 7:57 p.m.

Village Manager Wilson exited the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**DISCUSS FUTURE EVENT IDEAS**

The Parks & Recreation Board and Council offered ideas about future events including: Camp Out at Beverly Park, Naming Ceremony for new pocket parks, Detroit Institute of Arts Inside Out, slow roll, poker run, kite flying, movie night for adults, Paint in the Park, Village wide

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softball tournament, Village wide dance, porch concert series, battle of the bands, square dance/country night, pop-up dog park, and a slip n' slide. The Board will continue to develop ideas and work to schedule a new type of event.

**DISCUSS LONG TERM PLANNING**

The Board and Council discussed developing plans for Riverside Park and pocket parks throughout the Village, including one at Greenfield and Beverly Roads. They would like to see what types of grants are available for development of parks and paths. The Board and Council also noted that the big project in 3 to 4 years would be replacing the playground structure and surface at Beverly Park. They also discussed paving the gravel path at Beverly Park to make it ADA compliant and adding more sidewalks made of permeable material.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mooney praised the Park Rangers for their diligent work over the summer. The Rangers painted the sled hill fence and dugouts at Beverly Park and picnic tables at Riverside. They also helped a great deal with removing buckthorn debris from Beverly Park and weeding flower beds.

Mueller thanked the Rangers for refurbishing the Lost and Found Pole at Beverly Park. Mueller suggested looking into hiring a park ranger year-round.

Hrydziuszko acknowledged that the Board has taken on a lot of new tasks this year and thanked them for doing so.

Abboud thanked the Parks & Rec Board for being passionate about the tasks that are in front of them. He advocated for the upcoming park millage and encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Nunez thanked the Board for all their work and appreciates the focus on pocket parks.

George thanked the Board for organizing events that are fun for the residents. He hopes everyone can see the value in the parks when it comes time for the millage proposal.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Rutkowski reported that eight new trees were planted in Beverly Park in November and the report has been submitted for reimbursement. She recently met with the OC CISMA director and reported that they would be interested in conducting a survey on invasive and native species in the parks. She informed the Board that administration applied for the Oakland County Parks RAPP grant the purpose of obtaining a bounce house or similar activity for the Memorial Day Carnival.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Hausman provided an update on the Releaf matching grant and suggested a fall planting. She suggested looking into purchasing a gator cart for the Rangers and a maintenance/tool shed. Hausman confirmed that Patty Wainer will coordinate the Memorial Day Parade again this year. She thanked Goodrich and Ruprich for the holiday decorations at Beverly Park.

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Ruprich thanked Council for their support. She has already been in contact with some of the food truck vendors for Memorial Day.

Kondak thanked Council for their great support and stated that he is looking forward to Winter Family Fun Day.

Bresnahan inquired about doing a text-to-give option for donating to the parks.

Goodrich thanked Council for their continued support. He stated that the Park Rangers were an amazing help over the summer. He thanked Rutkowski for her work helping organize events, including the upcoming Village of Beverly Hills Night at the Pistons game. He will be taking down the holiday decorations at Beverly Park soon.

Borgon stated that there should be better access to Douglas Evans, such as a painted crosswalk. She inquired about having the shared pavilion calendar accessible to the Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

**Molly Borgon  
Parks & Recreation Board  
Chairperson**

**Lee Peddie  
Council President**

**Kristin Rutkowski  
Village Clerk**