

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair O'Reilly; Members: Kondak and Schmitt

Absent: Davis, Greening, Ross

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Council Liaison, Mooney

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Municipal Building at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Motion by Kondak, second by Schmitt, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 16, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Kondak, to amend the agenda to add item 2A, "Review and Consider Request From the Beverly Hills Athletic Club for use of the Tennis Courts During the 2012 Season".

Motion passed (4 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC CLUB FOR USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS DURING THE 2012 SEASON

Resident Brian Gijbers, tennis director for Beverly Hills Athletic Club, requested to reserve the tennis courts at Beverly Park again this summer from June 18 to July 25. This year's request is for each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am until noon and each Thursday from 1 pm to 3 pm for six consecutive weeks beginning Monday, June 18 and concluding Thursday, July 26.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts on a limited basis at the discretion of Village Administration.

Arvant commented that this use of the tennis courts does not conflict with the time already approved for the school to use the tennis courts. This is the third year that the Beverly Hills Athletic Club has submitted this request, and the Board has not heard of any problems or complaints from people wanting to use the courts during the times that they were reserved.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

O'Reilly updated the sponsor solicitation list to include existing and new businesses. Administration sent out more than 200 letters soliciting contributions from businesses and individuals towards the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. At least \$600 in donations have been received to date.

O'Reilly reported on contacts made for the games and entertainment. Patrick Westerlund related that he spoke with a representative of the Gratitude Steel Band about performing in the parade and at the carnival again this year. Their fee is \$1,200. Westerlund advised the individual that a decision could not be made until sponsors become available to fund this expense. It was learned that there is grant money available to offset the cost of their performance up to 30% because the Gratitude Steel Band is a member of the Michigan Humanities Council. The band will be contacted about this opportunity for funding. Westerlund will approach the Lahser High School band in addition to the Groves marching band about participating in the parade. Ideas for entertainment were discussed.

O'Reilly described efforts that were made to contact Sylvia Granader about serving as Grand Marshal this year. Mrs. Granader was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for her service with the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASPs, during WWII. If she is unable to do this, it was suggested that retiring Public Safety Director Karl Woodard be asked to serve as Grand Marshal.

Arvant commented the woman from Rat-A-Tattoo may be available to do airbrush tattoos at the carnival. It was suggested that she would collect tickets for doing tattoos and turn them in for cash. Rat-A-Tattoo would receive 80% of the fees.

Arvant talked about the food court offerings. She spoke with people from National Coney Island and from Papa Ramano's, companies that have provided food at the carnival in past years. She also explored using food trucks from Hunter House and Jacques' Tacos as an alternative. Board members were open to new ideas. They discussed the pros and cons of having food trucks versus the standard vendors. There was agreement that the Board would supply pop and water.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LOCATION AT BEVERLY PARK FOR ART SCULPTURE DONATION FROM THE LONGEST LEMONADE STAND

At the February meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, Patrick Liebler presented a proposal to the Board for a donation of an art sculpture to commemorate the Longest Lemonade Stand event held on August 20, 2011. Board members were in support of the idea, but needed to determine a location for the sculpture.

After last month's meeting, Liebler met with the Nordin brothers (the artists) at Beverly Park. They had a strong preference to position the sculpture in the front portion of the island located in the parking lot as you enter Beverly Park. Arvant distributed copies of information provided by Liebler including a rendering of how the sculpture would look in the selected location. They chose the location in the parking lot island for several reasons: It is viewed immediately upon entering the park; It would not impede on the park, nor would it be in an area that would

encourage children to climb on it; The size of the space is perfect providing scale for the piece; the existing landscaping will compliment the art.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board graciously accept the Longest Lemonade Stand legacy art sculpture donation and recommend that Council authorize the group to proceed with the planning for the construction and placement of the proposed sculpture in the northern portion of the island between the parking lot and the pavilion at Beverly Park.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR DOLL AND MADDOX

The Board reviewed large group event planning forms from Mary Doll for a memorial on Saturday, May 19 (12 – 4 pm) and from Delphine Maddox for a Father's Day picnic on Sunday, June 17 (4 – 10 pm).

Board member Schmitt had a problem with the request from Delphine Maddox on behalf of the Generators Club of Detroit, Inc. to have 140 people in the park. The form indicates that the event participants will car pool. Ellen Marshall stated that she would contact the group and require that they park in the Beverly School lot after unloading participants at the park.

John Mooney took issue with the park pavilion being reserved for 140 people on Father's Day. He said that area residents like to use the park on that day; further, the All-Star game for Beverly Hills Little League is traditionally held on Father's Day.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Mooney said he regretted recent absences from Board meetings. He asked that the Board contact him if he is needed and affirmed that he is always willing to advocate on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Ellen Marshall referred to her report included in Board members' packets. She added that administration has contacted local plumbers regarding installing flush overrides for the toilets in the pavilion restrooms. Marshall commented on issues involved with the project that would make installation difficult and suggested an alternative. Bid specifications will be prepared and quotes solicited for this work. Potential bidders will be asked to meet at the park to look at the job.

Questions from members were addressed by Marshall. She noted that there will be a bid opening on April 24 for the disc golf course quotes. It is anticipated that a recommendation would come before Council at its first meeting in May.

SOUTH BALL DIAMOND FENCE

A portion of the south ball diamond fence was damaged last August when a tree fell on it. Action Fence completed repairs on March 1, 2012 in the amount of \$1,087.00.

JUDSON CENTER WELLNESS EVENT

On Tuesday, March 6th, Village Council approved the Judson Center's request to use Beverly Park on Friday, June 8, 2012 to hold their annual Wellness Event. This is a Judson Center event, however they welcome anyone to participate in their activities that day. They have expressed their gratitude to the Village for our hospitality.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Also on March 6th, Village Council approved Kensington Church's request to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Three additional portable restrooms will be delivered to Beverly Park on Friday, March 30th and will be picked up on Monday, April 2nd. The Village will cover the cost for those portable restrooms.

DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

As of this writing (Friday, March 9th), we have received \$600 in donations for the Memorial Day celebration. I have mailed thank you letters to the four contributors and will continue to do so as we receive more.

PAVILION RENTALS

Rentals for the 2012 season began last Wednesday and interest has been brisk. To date we have issued 46 permits. We have also received some interest in the Park Opener position. We will be accepting applications until April 2nd at which time the field will be narrowed to a reasonable number and interviews will begin.

OAKLAND COUNTY RECREATION ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP

I have prepared our 2012 grant application for the Oakland County Recreation Assistance Partnership (RAP). In the past, it has taken several weeks before the County notifies us regarding approval. I will keep you apprised.

PAVILION RESTROOM FLUSH OVERRIDE

We are in the process of preparing bid specifications to begin the bid process for installing flush overrides on the toilets at the pavilion.

BEVERLY PARK PATH

Shortly after the February Parks & Rec Board meeting, our DPW crew installed new crushed stone between the parking lot and hill to improve the surface.

BOARD COMMENTS

Kondak was contacted by Eagle Scout candidate Eli Jensen, who was interested in moving forward on a project to repair erosion on the sled hill. He has not yet submitted a proposal to the Village. Kondak mentioned that scouts are encouraged to bring ideas to the Village for consideration.

Marshall asked if the fence along Beverly Road needed painting and suggested that this might be an idea for an Eagle Scout project.

Marshall mentioned that Eagle Scout candidate Kurt Melendy contacted Public Services Director Meszler regarding the feasibility of securing benches to the top of the sled hill. His proposal was to construct benches and install them at the top of the sled hill. The Board advised him that the

hill was constructed from concrete fill from freeway construction being dumped in that area and covered with dirt.

O'Reilly referred to the suggestion made by Janet Mooney at last month's meeting to increase the electrical output in the park. He and Mooney will meet with an electrical contractor in the park next week to determine what could be done as far as electrical improvements.

O'Reilly related that the Beverly Hills Little League organization spent approximately \$1,800 in November making improvements to the baseball field including the addition of crusher dust on both fields. O'Reilly thanked Board member Ross in advance for volunteering to take over assigning the baseball fields every year.

O'Reilly recognized and thanked Karl Woodard for his 13 years of service as Beverly Hills Public Safety Director.

Arvant observed that the park path looked good following application of wood chips from Christmas trees; the playground is in great shape. She expressed concern with the rebar protruding from the sled hill in several places. O'Reilly responded that this is often taken care of during the Beverly Park clean up day in early May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.