

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Davis, Hausman, Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: Greening

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

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on September 20, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kurt Melendy, Eagle Scout candidate residing at 16905 Kinross, came forward to present his community service project. He had appeared before the Parks and Recreation Board earlier in the year to give them a rough idea of what he would be proposing. Melendy distributed a packet to Board members summarizing the project to construct observation benches. The material submitted included photographs of the area and bench construction drawings.

Melendy described the project, workers, materials, tools and funding. The sled hill has no seating at the top or on the sides for parents and others to sit and watch children sledding. There are also two disc golf tee boxes on the top of the hill without a place to take a break. He proposed installing three benches on the hill. Melendy asked about moving a disc golf post in order to fit a bench in that area. He requested permission from the Village of Beverly Hills to proceed with the project.

Questions from Board members regarding project details were addressed by Melendy. In response to a suggestion by the Board, Melendy agreed not to move the disc golf tee marker but to relocate the bench.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously recommend that Council authorize Kurt Melendy to proceed with his Eagle Scout community service project, which is to construct observation benches at the Beverly Park sledding hill as outlined in the packet submitted to the Board dated October 18, 2012. Approval is based on a change in the proposal to relocate a bench so as not to interfere with a disc golf tee marker.

Motion passed.

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire observed that the wood carved squirrel on top of the lost & found pole is missing again.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECONSTRUCTION OF HORSESHOE PITS

Resident Gary Grabowski on Warwick stated that he has enjoyed going to Beverly Park with his family for years. He outlined a plan to move the horseshoe pits to a location where they would be easier to use. They are currently located in a muddy area near the entrance to the park trail.

Grabowski proposed building two horseshoe pits side by side in a more open area between the tennis courts and the skating pond area. He offered to build backstops for the horseshoe pits to better identify them. He would also make the area more accessible. The horseshoe pit construction would be a community service project for his company, Greater Home Services. Grabowski would donate labor and materials and ask for the cooperation of the Village in terms of using their heavy equipment.

Upon approval of the concept by the Parks and Recreation Board, Grabowski will research standards for horseshoe pit construction and develop a plan for the project. He asked that the Parks and Recreation Board and Council accept the donation of his company's time and materials and cooperatively work with him on the project.

Board members were unanimously in favor of the idea and were interested in new activities that would draw different demographics to the park. They encouraged Mr. Grabowski to come back with specific plans for the horseshoe pit proposal.

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT ASSIGNMENTS

Janet Mooney, Halloween Hoot co-chair, outlined the schedule for Halloween Hoot activities on Sunday, October 21 and informed the Board when and where help was needed. Volunteers are welcome throughout the day. Sixteen neighborhood associations, businesses, and community groups are participating in setting up stations along the trail this year.

LIAISON COMMENTS – MOONEY

Council liaison Mooney announced that the next Council meeting will be the last Council meeting of this term and the last meeting for Council President Rosanne Koss.

Mooney informed the Board that the League of Women Voters candidates forum held on Thursday, October 11 in the council chamber was not recorded for future airings due to an error. Mooney recapped comments made by Council candidates. Because this event will not be rebroadcast on the municipal cable channel, Bloomfield Community Television has offered to sponsor another event if the candidates agree to participating in a forum.

Mooney talked about doing something in the park to commemorate Don Greening. He was a friend and a Village resident who did a lot for Beverly Park and for the Village without seeking credit. Mooney talked about how much Don and Pat Greening have done for this community on a volunteer basis. Mooney and his son will be erecting a plaque in the park to honor Don Greening. He mentioned that Don Greening painted one of the dugouts at the ball diamond; Mooney will paint the other one before next spring.

Board members talked about Pat Greening's proposal to place a Linden tree near the playground area and to plant a garden around it. A plaque in memory of Don Greening will be displayed in the area.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Davis talked about Goldner Walsh removing and replacing a dead tree in the park near the gazebo.

Schmitt passed the file folder for Winter Family Fun Day to new members Hausman and Ruprich, who will co-chair the event to be held on Sunday, January 27.

Kondak commented on the loss of Don Greening. He was a friend of the Village who contributed a lot of time to park events and to improving Beverly Park.

Arvant related that Board members have Don and Pat Greening in their thoughts. The Village was fortunate to have such a great steward for Beverly Park in Don Greening. He will be greatly missed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm