

Present: Council: President Koss; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: LaFerriere, Mercer and Mooney

Parks & Recreation Board: Vice-Chair O'Reilly, Members: Davis, Kondak, Ross and Schmitt

Absent: Council: Burry and Oen

Parks and Recreation Board: Arvant and Greening

Vice-Chair O'Reilly called the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Village Council to order at 7:30 pm in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF MAY 17, 2012

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ross, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on May 17, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND DISCUSS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

O'Reilly distributed the 2012 parade and carnival accounting summary, showing that the net profit from the event was \$2,533.55. He included a sheet comparing ticket sales, donations, expenses and net profits for the Memorial Day events for the past four years. The income generated has diminished each year; expenses have also gone down. O'Reilly believed that, regardless of the monetary returns, there is no reason not to continue with this community event.

O'Reilly reported on this year's parade and carnival including the games, activities, food, music and timing of events. The flag ceremony went well and included a wreath presentation this year. The participation of a large number of volunteers was acknowledged. His detailed account of the day led to a discussion of ideas and improvements that could be implemented next year. O'Reilly was open to ideas on how to improve tickets sales.

O'Reilly again recommended that the Board consider purchasing a sound system for use at various park events. The annual cost of renting sound equipment and speakers was noted. Hopefully, the park will have a Veterans Memorial next year. This is an item on tonight's agenda. The suggestion was made that the Board appoint a publicity chairperson for next year's event.

Kondak thanked O'Reilly for organizing and managing the carnival again this year. O'Reilly recognized Pat Westerlund for putting together an outstanding parade. Council and Board members expressed their appreciation to O'Reilly for chairing the Memorial Day event this year and Pat Westerlund for organizing the parade.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF A VETERANS MEMORIAL FOR BEVERLY PARK

Resident Paul Kleppert and former Council member Ron Berndt presented a proposal to purchase and install a Veterans Memorial Monument in Beverly Park dedicated to all the service men and women in Beverly Hills. Kleppert distributed a sample flyer and donation form for a Beverly Park Veterans Memorial.

Kleppert reported that he contacted a number of monument makers in the Detroit area regarding the cost and timing involved in securing a monument. It takes 8-12 weeks to have a monument made and delivered. The goal would be to have the monument in place for the 2013 Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. It is intended that the monument would represent the official seals of the five branches of the Armed Services and that it would be placed near the existing flag pole in Beverly Park.

The monument would be purchased through donations from the public. Kleppert related that the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills has volunteered to accept and hold all donations for the monument. He referred to a draft donation form for a Beverly Park Veterans Memorial Monument that includes how checks should be written. Tax deductible checks will be made payable to the Village Woman's Club c/o the Village of Beverly Hills, noting the word "monument" in the memo section of the check.

Two monument designs are pictured on the flyer as examples of many potential monument styles that could be provided depending on the amount of money raised and available space. The sample monuments depicted are in the price range of \$2,700 for slant style monument and \$4,200 for a full standing monument with an American flag etched on the granite. The \$4,200 cost represents one dollar per household in Beverly Hills. It is not an unreasonable expectation to raise funds for this project. Kleppert will contact Village neighborhood associations and request their participation.

Ron Berndt remarked that the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival is community building event in the Village. He stressed the importance of recognizing veterans on Memorial Day. Berndt referred to an article he wrote on this subject that appeared in the Bloomfield Patch newspaper. Berndt presented the Village with a \$100 check towards the purchase of a veterans monument.

Kleppert requested that a link be placed on the Village website with information on how to make a donation to the Beverly Park Veterans Memorial. He also asked that the Village use its communication tools to disseminate information on the monument fundraising project to residents. It was noted that the Village emails a weekly news update to residents through the GovDelivery system in addition to the quarterly Villager newsletter.

Kleppert proposed that the Village orchestrate a dedication ceremony for the Veterans Monument at the next Memorial Day event. Berndt and Kleppert asked the Parks and Recreation Board for a formal endorsement of their project. It was noted that Council approval will be required to purchase and install the monument.

Council and Board members suggested that the donation form ask for contributions towards the purchase of a veterans memorial without listing the dollar amount of the monuments shown in the sample pictures. The types and size of the monument could be determined by the amount of contributions received.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board support the Village Woman's Club effort to establish a Veterans Memorial Monument and recommend that Council accept the donation once the goals are met.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

O'Reilly related that a veterans monument has been an idea that has been discussed for a number of years. He thanked Paul Kleppert and Ron Berndt for their efforts to initiate this project.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT BEVERLY PARK

At its May meeting, Parks and Recreation Board members received a letter and drawing from consulting engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. regarding a preliminary estimate of construction costs for Beverly Park electrical improvements. The Board had a preliminary discussion on the possibility of installing electricity in the park that would be fed from the existing park pavilion electrical service. Installation of electrical outlets in areas of the park would result in less reliance on generators for events that occur in the park. The HRC letter included design and cost information. A color-coded map of various project components was coordinated with cost estimates for each of the park sections considered for electrical improvements.

O'Reilly proposed that the Parks and Recreation Board and Council consider moving forward with this project. Koss concurred and suggested that the Board think about constructing all of the project components proposed by HRC. Mercer suggested going out for bids that would provide an itemized quote for each of the components. O'Reilly reviewed the funds available in the park dedicated millage fund and park capital improvement fund.

Motion by Kondak, second by Ross, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council solicit bids for design and construction of four separate project components associated with Beverly Park electrical improvements.

Comments on the electrical improvement proposal included the following items: Consideration of additional wiring for cable in order to videotape park events and/or wiring for a sound system; firms providing bids should recommend whether or not replacement of the circuit breaker panel with a new 200 amp panel is necessary; additional lighting in the park.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer commented on the significance and popularity of the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Carnival to the community. He would consider the event a great success even if did not make a profit. Mercer commented on the timing of the flag ceremony.

LaFerriere thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for what they accomplish for the betterment of the Village.

Briggs asked the Parks and Recreation Board if it could keep informed on what is going on in all Village parks and advise Council of any activity of note.

Koss thanked everyone on the Parks and Recreation Board for bringing Villagers together with various community events. She remarked that it has been a privilege to work alongside the Park and Recreation Board members.

Mooney thanked Lisa for her service and for all her contributions to the Village. She will be missed on the Parks and Recreation Board. Mooney commented on all the activities that O'Reilly has been involved with in the Village. His hard work organizing the parade and carnival for the last four years has been greatly appreciated by the Village as well as his efforts as Parks and Recreation Board chairperson and member.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Reference was made to Ellen Marshall's written report to the Board. Her report notes that a Village resident is proposing improvements to the horseshoe pit in the park. Gary Grabowski would like consideration given to relocating the horseshoe stakes to the area just south of the tennis courts. The Board will consider this suggestion as an agenda item at an upcoming Board meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

O'Reilly informed the Board that Chairperson Arvant will organize a movie night in the park this summer. A movie night was scheduled last year but canceled due to threatening weather. The company that was contracted for this event will set up and show a movie this year in the pavilion at a reduced price. Scheduling a movie night in August will be an agenda item for the July Board meeting.

The disc golf course completion date was moved to July 7. O'Reilly recalled that the Board talked about including a large sign that would show the layout of the course; this was not included in the bid proposal. It has been suggested to Bill Kondak that this would be an ideal Eagle Scout project for the boy scouts.

O'Reilly thanked Lisa Ross for her three years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Ross thanked her fellow Board members for the experience of serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. She encouraged other residents to volunteer in the community, noting that it is a good feeling to be part of putting together an event. Ross thanked all of the volunteers who assisted with numerous tasks at the Memorial Day parade and carnival.

Davis commented that the Board will miss Lisa and Jim; it has been fun working with both of them. Davis stated that she was proud of the seated Council and hoped that they will all run again.

Kondak affirmed that the Board appreciates the support it receives from Council. He thanked Lisa for being an active member of the Board; she will be missed. Kondak recognized Jim for his 13 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board, noting that he was involved in numerous park improvements. His participation on the Board will be missed.

Schmitt thanked Lisa and her husband John for all the work they have done to support the Parks and Recreation Board. Schmitt suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board consider allocating \$1,000 from the dedicated park millage to the Veterans Memorial Monument for Beverly Park after the Woman's Club has raised \$3,000.

O'Reilly stated that Janice Hausman and Jen Ruprich have been appointed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. He congratulated those individuals and knows that they have the talent and energy to continue to make the Parks and Recreation Board the best board in the Village.

O'Reilly thanked everyone for the effusive comments they have made about him. There was a round of applause for Jim O'Reilly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.