

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 18, 2017 – PAGE 1

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Council member, Mueller

Chairperson Hausman called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills at Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2017

Motion by Schmitt, second by Borgon, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on April 20, 2017 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

Parade chairpersons Patty Wainer and Jason Gross were in attendance, they reported all parade participants had been confirmed, and they would begin drafting a line up. The script for the parade announcer had been prepared. Wainer confirmed Council Member Jon Oen would be riding on the Public Safety ladder truck. Hausman confirmed the banners with sponsor names would be ordered and picked up.

Hausman announced a total of \$4,635 had been donated to the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival Fund. Additional volunteers were needed during the Carnival; Borgon would post the request on the Village Facebook page.

Ruprich reported all food trucks were confirmed, and Borgon would post the list on the Village Facebook page.

Borgon reserved the cool-off misting system; she would pick it up on Friday, Goodrich to return it on Tuesday. Rides have been confirmed with Galactic Transit.

Hausman reported several community groups would be hosting games. Tent, table, and chair drop off was confirmed. The Groves football team will be assisting with the set up and tear down of the carnival.

Kondak confirmed State Representative Jeremy Moss would participate, and 46th District Court Judge Arvant has agreed to host the wreath ceremony. Allison Miller would play the bugle. Paul Kleppert will be asked to lay the wreath with Rep. Moss.

UPDATE REGARDING MEETING WITH ARBORIST

Goodrich and Marshall met with arborist, Kay Sicheneder, from Owen Tree Service and spent over two hours walking the park and discussing her recommendations. These recommendations were submitted via email to Goodrich and Marshall, and shared with the Board.

Overall, the Park is in good health. Sicheneder pointed out that buckthorn is growing heavily and choking out other growth throughout the Park. Buckthorn can never be eradicated, however, she recommended a plan to help minimize it. She recommended several species to consider for new plantings. She said the Pilgrim Oak is dying, but it still could stand another 40-50 years. She suggested leaving fallen trees where they lie; within reasonable safety limits; allowing them to rot and deteriorate naturally. She suggested the tree farm be thinned out. Throughout the park she suggested mulch rings around all the trees, leaving space around the base, and the flare of the trunk should be visible.

Sicheneder, Goodrich and Marshall also visited Riverside Park and the park area at Greenfield and Beverly. Sicheneder had suggestions for both areas. Specifically, Riverside Park has a Hawthorn shrub growing along the edge of the pond that needs to be removed and she also recommended maintaining a 30 foot open space around oak trees. At Greenfield and Beverly, she recommended transplanting the Dwarf Alberta Spruce shrubs as they are too formal for that area and planting some fast-growing plant material such as White Spruce.

Goodrich suggested a focus on community involvement with the clean-up, maintenance, removal, and repair of the park. The Board agreed to review the arborist report in its entirety and further discussion would take place at the June meeting.

DISCUSS STORYBOOK TRAIL KICKOFF

Hausman reported the installation of the trail is complete. The kickoff event will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 10:30 am. The Baldwin Library will bring activities for the kids, and flyers were sent to the schools.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR FITZGERALD AND SLON

Both applications were complete and approved.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mueller shared that resident Rachael Hrydziuszko approached the Council requesting that the topic of changing the ordinance related to residents housing chickens in their backyard be put on a future agenda. Council will consider her request, however changes to ordinances are not something taken lightly or enacted quickly.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall reported a new park opener, Jim Healey, had been hired. The area planned for the ping pong table had been marked off and woodchips for the playground had been ordered.

BOARD COMMENTS

Goodrich confirmed both Costco and Goldfish Swim School would like to participate with Movie in the Park night.

Ruprich stated that the tennis courts will need resurfacing. She will gather some estimates to present to the Board.

Hausman shared she received many positive comments about the Park and the Storybook Trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.