

Present: Council: President Mooney, President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Nunez, and Mueller

Parks & Recreation Board: Chairperson Hausman; Members: Borgon, Goodrich, Kondak, Ruprich, and Schmitt

Absent: Council: Oen
Parks & Recreation: Davis

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Chairperson Hausman called the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Village Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting, held on November 17, 2016, be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSS FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Hausman opened the discussion by asking whether the event should be canceled. She noted there is not sufficient snow cover on the ground to conduct any snow-related events. Kondak noted that the weather forecast does not look promising for additional snow prior to the January 29 date of the event. Goodrich reported that he had made connections with Costco and Goldfish Swim School, and both are interested in pairing with the Village for this event or future ones.

Hausman indicated that postponing the event would run it up against other events and likely hurt attendance. Kondak suggested that other non-snow related activities be planned for future Winter Family Fun Day events.

Motion by Goodrich, second by Schmitt, that the 2017 Winter Family Fun Day be canceled.

Motion passed.

REVIEW 2016 CARRY OVER PROJECTS FOR 2017 COMPLETION AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR 2017

Mueller noted that a tremendous amount of work was completed at Beverly Park in 2016 including staining of the gazebo, fence painting, planting 26 trees, installing a new foot bridge, rehabilitation and installation of horseshoe pits, installing mulch on the pathways, installation of

new playground equipment, workout equipment, professional landscaping, new park rules sign, new tennis court signs, and updated fireplaces.

Motion by Hausman, second by Borgon, that the Parks & Recreation Board recommends Council renew the professional landscaping contract with Jason’s Outdoor Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion passed.

Mueller suggested the trees planted in 2016 will need water bags for another year. The garbage cans throughout the Park will be wrapped in the spring. Concrete for the disc golf pads was suggested and the Disc Golf Association has volunteered to help offset the cost. Kondak suggested the Board consider artificial turf tee pads called “Turf Mat”. He also suggested a forest management plan needs to be developed for the wooded areas.

Mooney advised the Board to prepare proposals on the disc golf tee pads, the forest area, removing the logs in the pond, ping pong table, drinking fountain, sandbox shade, and repairing the sled hill steps.

Hausman presented information about the proposed ping pong table. The table, including delivery, will cost \$5,200, the concrete pad for it to sit on will cost approximately \$2,000. The suggested placement was south of the basketball and volleyball courts facing North/South. No other park in Oakland County has a ping pong table, so it would be an asset.

Hausman reported other upcoming events in the park include the Storybook Trail in the spring, a movie night in the late summer, and a fall Reading in the Park event.

Hausman reported that May 20, 2017 is the tentative date for the ribbon cutting event with the Baldwin Library on the Storybook Trail. Installing the posts on the trail will cost about \$2,000-\$3,000, and approximately \$300-\$400 a year in upkeep.

Motion by Hausman, second by Schmitt, that the Parks & Recreation Board recommend Council adds the Storybook Trail onto their upcoming agenda.

Motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Abboud thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for all their work and for hosting this meeting. He suggested adding lights, flag poles, WiFi, and a directional kiosk to Beverly Park.

Peddie would like to see the park be both adult friendly and children friendly and would like the Board to consider more seating, perhaps a fountain.

Nunez felt that the Board needs to consider the dying trees, and a planned mass replanting. He also would like to see more reflective spaces; possibly in the pocket parks around the Village.

Mueller reported that Riverside Park needs more benches, buckthorn removal, and a landscape architect consulted to generate a plan for the growth there.

Delaney suggested the Board consider setting an area aside to use as a tree nursery. He would also like to see changes made to the Memorial Day program.

Mooney stated the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Board have been outstanding. The adult exercise equipment was a wonderful idea. The Inside Out with the DIA was a resounding success. The Board should consider if they want to ask for a dedicated Park Millage. He would like to see some work on the pocket parks in the Village, consider plantings and a fountain. It is important to have the horseshoes, ping pong paddles, etc. available for people to use when they rent the park. He suggested that they employ three Park Rangers for the Summer of 2017.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall announced the grant application through the Oakland County Recreation Assistance Partnership Program for the bounce houses offered at the Memorial Day Carnival has been filed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Kondak thanked Council for their ongoing support, and expressed his disappointment at canceling the Winter Family Fun Day.

Ruprich reported that she continues to work on a quote for a new drinking fountain in Beverly Park.

Hausman thanked the Council for its support of Beverly Park projects. She reminded the Board that planning for the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival will be underway soon. She asked Administration to put a solicitation out for Parade coordinators.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Janice Hausman, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Board**

**John Mooney
Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

**Elizabeth Lyons
Recording Secretary**