

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair O'Reilly; Members: Davis, Greening, Kondak, Ross and Schmitt

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

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 JANUARY 19, 2012**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on January 19, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire suggested that the Board consider providing additional electricity in Beverly Park with outlets placed in various areas of the park. The outlets could be used for the sound system during the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival and other events. Lighting would be available along the path for the Halloween Hoot in lieu of using a generator. Other locations could be considered. Underground outlets with covers would be controlled by a switch in the locked storage room of the pavilion.

Mooney proposed that the Board consult with Public Services Director Tom Meszler about obtaining a quote for this improvement. O'Reilly responded that the Board will explore the idea of providing electrical outlets throughout the park and look at costs.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER A PROPOSED EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT BEVERLY PARK SLED HILL – SCOUT KURT MELENDY**

Beverly Hills resident Kurt Melendy from Troop 1001 outlined an idea for an Eagle Scout project in Beverly Park. His proposal was to construct benches and install them at the top of the sled hill. It will benefit the community by providing a place where adults can sit down while taking their kids sledding in the winter. The location of the benches would provide a view of the entire park.

Melendy discussed various aspects of the project including soliciting help to build and install benches, materials and supplies needed, fund raising, safety issues, project phasing and timing. The cost of the project has not yet been determined. He anticipates starting the project in the spring or early summer.

Parks and Recreation Board members thought the proposed project was a good idea. There was a concern about how the benches would be secured to the ground at the top of the sled hill. Melendy was informed that the hill was constructed from concrete fill from freeway construction being dumped in that area and covered with dirt. Another consideration was the placement of the proposed 4-6 benches on the top of the hill so they would not interfere with sledding or other uses.

Board members requested that Kurt investigate the feasibility of securing benches to the top of the hill. It was suggested that he contact Public Services Director Tom Meszler for further information about the sled hill. Melendy was asked to provide the Board with a sketch of the bench design and location of the benches on the hill. Bill Kondak provided his contact information to Melendy for follow up on the project.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM JUDSON CENTER TO HOLD A WELLNESS EVENT AT BEVERLY PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012**

Gail Lincoln, HR specialist for the Judson Center in charge of employee wellness, was present with organization representative Janice Morgan. Lincoln requested the use of Beverly Park for the Judson Center's Employee Wellness Day on Friday, June 8, 2012 from 9 am to 4 pm. The event has been held at their campus at 13 Mile & Greenfield Roads in past years. Lincoln thought that Beverly Park would be an ideal location where the participants could engage in activities including softball/baseball tournaments, kickball, and Zumba. They will use the volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, as well as walking along the path through the park. Informational speakers are scheduled throughout the day.

Lincoln anticipated that about 150 people would attend the event. Judson employees will carpool to Beverly Park to reduce the amount of vehicles in the parking lot. Clerk Ellen Marshall indicated that there were no objections from Village Administration. Board members discussed whether the event would interfere with any other scheduled park activities. It was noted that school will still be in session on June 8.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the request from the Judson Center to host their Employee Wellness Day in Beverly Park on Friday, June 8, 2012 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and that the pavilion rental fees be waived. A certificate of insurance will be provided upon approval of the Employee Wellness Day.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO USE BEVERLY PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 FOR THE KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH BIRMINGHAM EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Village is in receipt of a request from Kensington Community Church Birmingham to host its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt in Beverly Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012. There were no representatives from Kensington Church present at the meeting. Marshall related that the group is requesting the use of the park from 9 am until 6 pm. The event is open to all members of the community.

Board members discussed the event. There will be activities planned for families including a walk climbing wall and a Euro bungee in the basketball court. It was questioned whether these games could cause any damage to the surface of the basketball court. O'Reilly informed that Board that the Euro bungee base is an inflatable.

Marshall indicated that it would be too early in the season to turn on the water in the pavilion restrooms; the Village will provide porta-potties. It was clarified that the Easter Egg Hunt will be

from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The additional time requested is for set up and cleaning up after the event.

Motion by Ross, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the request from Kensington Community Church Birmingham to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt in Beverly Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. It is recommended that the pavilion rental fees be waived and that the Village provide four porta-potties for the event. A certificate of insurance will be provided upon approval of the Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

### **DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND CARNIVAL**

Pat Westerlund and the Devonshire Men's Club will be organizing the Memorial Day parade activities again this year. Westerlund led a discussion on ideas for the 2012 parade considering what worked well last year and budget considerations. Details such as the start time and spacing were discussed.

Confirmation has been received that the Groves High School marching band will be available to march in the parade. Participants, entertainment, and vehicles for the parade were discussed. O'Reilly related that he is attempting to contact Sylvia Granader about serving as Grand Marshal for this year's parade. The Board was encouraged to pursue sponsors to assist with providing entertainment. The parade budget was estimated at \$2,500.

O'Reilly updated the Board on the participants, entertainment, and activities confirmed for the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival on May 28, 2012. A show mobile was reserved for the day through Oakland County Parks. Janet Hausman has volunteered to run the community organization games. Ron Berndt has offered to play the trumpet for the Flag Ceremony.

The Masonics contacted O'Reilly with a request to come into the park and do a child ID kit booth at no charge. Masonic Child Identification Programs (CHIP) are a charitable initiative by North American Masonic lodges to aid in the identification and recovery of missing children. The CHIP programs allow parents the opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials for their child. Board members were willing to have them provide that service.

O'Reilly stated that he is in the process of updating the list of area businesses that will be sent solicitation letters requesting sponsorship or other involvement.

### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER DONATION/LEGACY PROJECT FOR BEVERLY PARK FROM THE LONGEST LEMONADE STAND – ARVANT**

Patrick Liebler, representing Beverly Elementary School and the World's Longest Lemonade Stand, thanked the Village for its support in helping to host their community event last August 20, 2011. He was present to introduce a legacy project to commemorate the event. Liebler distributed a handout outlining the proposal; he will ask for a decision from the Board on whether or not to proceed with this plan.

Liebler referred to the picture of a two-foot mock-up of a piece of art done by the Detroit Design Center. The proposal is to make this design into a stainless steel sculpture for the park that would stand five feet high. The piece of art would sit on a two foot high cylindrical base. The base would include a marker to acknowledge some of the sponsors from the event and some of the people who participated in it. The total size of the structure would be seven feet tall.

Liebler explained what the art represents to the Beverly Elementary School group. The primary vertical piece connected to the base is a representation of community. The other three vertical structures signify the Lemonade Stand's core themes of inspire, empower and achieve. The yellow crystal in the middle will be lemonade yellow glass to thematically tie it into the event. It will represent the children and the families that participated in the event. Each of the vertical forms are partial segments of a circle. Kids' lives will develop over time and they will complete their circles. This sculpture represents a single point in time (8/20/2011).

The handout provided information on the people who designed this sculpture. The Nordin brothers from the Detroit Design Center have erected two similar pieces from their "Self" series in the city of Brighton. They have some of their outdoor sculptures displayed in the city of Birmingham. Longest Lemonade Stand will assume all costs for the construction and placement of the sculpture. The sculpture will be gifted to Beverly Hills in perpetuity.

Liebler referred to map of Beverly Park that indicates possible locations for the art. Before moving forward with the project, Liebler would like the Board to select two or three locations understanding that the Village would want to see the piece of art before its final placement. Liebler remarked that the Longest Lemonade Stand group believes that a park that displays some art serves both missions of their event, which is to inspire children but also serve the community with culture.

It was the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Board members that the Longest Lemonade Stand group proceed with securing the proposed sculpture to be displayed in Beverly Park at no cost to the Village. Arvant commented that she is a fan of art in public places. The sculpture would be done by local artists who are willing to contribute this work to our park.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board thank the Longest Lemonade Stand legacy project for its generous donation and recommend that Council authorize the group to proceed with planning for the construction and placement of the proposed sculpture in Beverly Park.

The Board will select a site for the sculpture in the park at next month's meeting.

Liebler stated that the sculpture will be gifted to the Village in perpetuity. The Longest Lemonade Stand group would ask that the Village display and maintain the sculpture in a single location for a minimum of three years. Should the Village no longer want to display the sculpture in the park after three years, it would be returned to the Lemonade Stand committee.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER SOUND SYSTEM FOR USE AT BEVERLY PARK**

O'Reilly informed the Board that he did not have additional information regarding the sound system for the park pavilion. It was his intent to contact someone with technical expertise who would review the specifications and provide the Board with a recommendation on a sound system that meets the requirements for use in the park. Board members had questions at the last meeting about the use of the equipment, storage, and supervision of the equipment when used by a community organization. O'Reilly asked to postpone discussion of this item to an upcoming Board meeting.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

None

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Ellen Marshall stated that someone will be coming to the park to look at the south ball diamond fence that was damaged by a falling tree in August. The cost of repairing the fence will be determined. It is proposed that the work be done before the start of the baseball season.

Marshal related that she had a conversation with a representative of the Lions Club, who indicated that their organization would be interested in being a community partner with the Guild of Artists & Artisans for an art fair in Beverly Park in 2013.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Kondak commented that he received a call from an Eagle Scout candidate who was interested in doing a project in Beverly Park. He asked Board members to contact him if they have any suggestions for park projects. Arvant suggested preparing a wish list for the park.

O'Reilly informed the Board that Mike Palmer, owner of Premier Pet Supply, was recognized as one of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's "Elite 40 Under 40" at last week's State of the County address. Those on the list are "individuals who are excelling in their fields and are working to improve the quality of life in their communities by giving back". O'Reilly congratulated Mike Palmer, who is a big supporter of the Village and Beverly Park. O'Reilly also thanked Manager Chris Wilson for deciding to remain in the Village of Beverly Hills.

Arvant thanked Lisa Ross for her diligence in attempting to launch Winter Family Fun Day. The weather did not cooperate this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.