

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

Absent: Greening

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

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

**APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA**

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Ross, to amend the agenda to add item 2A, "Request from Samantha Weed to hold charity event "Climb for the Cure" in Beverly Park on Saturday, June 23, 2012" and to add item 3A, "Beverly Park Clean Up".

Motion passed (6 – 0).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2012**

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on March 15, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Delaney of 18129 Riverside Drive said that he has observed a number of trees in the park that are in danger of falling over in the west and throughout the wooded area. Delaney asked if the trees in Beverly Park have been inspected to determine their condition. Marshall responded that the trees were inventoried by J.H. Hart Urban Forestry within the last five years.

The Parks and Recreation Board will follow up with administration on initiating an evaluation to assess whether there are any trees at risk of falling over in the park.

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire referred to the new benches installed in Beverly Park that replaced a number of deteriorated benches. There is one more bench to be placed at Riverside Park. Mooney suggested that the bench be located in an opening on the east end of the park between the bridge and the picnic tables. There were no objections from the Board to proceed with installation in that location.

Janet Mooney related that a resident inquired about the Village's policy relative to fishing licenses at Riverside Park. It was affirmed that fishing licenses are issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**REQUEST FROM SAMANTHA WEED TO HOLD A CHARITY EVENT CALLED “CLIMB FOR THE CURE” IN BEVERLY PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012**

Samantha Weed, student in the Birmingham School District, presented a proposal to hold a charity event called Climb for the Cure, which would take place in the area of the hill towards the rear of Beverly Park. The activity would be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 10 am until noon, with an additional hour for set up prior and for clean up after the event. Ms. Weed anticipates that approximately 20 team volunteers and five parent volunteers will be participating in the event. There will be other activities in addition to climbing up and down the hill.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of breast cancer and raise at least \$600 for the National Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Ms. Weed presented the proposed dates/times, detailed plans, logistics, precautions and goals for the fundraiser.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize Samantha Weed to proceed with a charity event called “Climb for the Cure” at the hill area in Beverly Park on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 10 am to 12:45 pm, and to waive any park fees.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

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

The Board discussed preparations for the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival to be held on Monday, May 28. Carnival chairperson O’Reilly informed the Board that Village resident and former public safety director Karl Woodard has graciously accepted the honor of serving as Grand Marshal for the 2012 Memorial Day Parade. Former Council member Ron Berndt will be in charge of the Flag Ceremony this year.

O’Reilly updated the Board on games and entertainment for the carnival. Gratitude Steel Band has been secured to perform in the parade plus an hour at the carnival. Additional entertainment will be sought to perform in the show mobile. As of today, donations in the amount of \$3,350 were received for this year’s event. O’Reilly has submitted an article that will be published in the May edition of the Villager Newsletter. He mentioned several items that must be addressed in the next month.

Arvant reported on the status of food tent preparations; there will be no increase in prices this year from National Coney Island or Papa Romano’s. The person from Rat-A-Tattoo was not interested in the ticket method of payment. Arvant has made other inquiries of companies who do airbrush tattoos.

Ross has been in contact with the new community service organizer from Groves High School about volunteers needed for the carnival. She will also solicit volunteers from the Village Women’s Club.

Westerlund provided an update on parade participants that have been confirmed and associated costs. He commented on the participation of the Oakland County Sheriff, political dignitaries, Marines, VFW members, Baldwin Library staff, and Council members. The Groves Marching

Band will march in the parade; the Lahser marching band has also been invited to be in the parade. Westerlund has issued a communication soliciting more community groups to participate in the parade. The parade will start at 11 am.

#### **BEVERLY PARK CLEAN UP**

The annual Beverly Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at 10 am with a rain date of May 19. Volunteer workers should bring gloves and rakes; trash bags will be provided. Kondak will contact scout troops to solicit volunteers.

#### **LIAISON COMMENTS – MOONEY**

Council Liaison Mooney pointed out a damaged portion of fence near the park entrance and asked Clerk Marshall to look into having it repaired. Mooney suggested that some of the picnic tables in the park could use sanding and either sealing or staining, depending on what is recommended. He also noted that the brick walkway is in need of repair. The sound garden may need to be repaired or dismantled. Mooney mentioned that he had a volunteer who will repair and paint the dugouts in the ball diamonds.

Mooney asked if there was anything the Board would like to communicate to Council other than the Climb for the Cure event.

#### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Clerk Marshall referred to her memo of April 12, 2012 updating the Board on various park related items. Marshall informed the Board that she was approached by the mother of a scout who needs a project to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. The young woman is about 16 years old. This individual suggested that a project idea may be to remove invasive plant species from Beverly Park. Board members discussed whether there was a need for this type of work in the park.

Marshall questioned whether the Board was interested in the idea of installing a security camera system in various areas of Beverly Park. Members discussed the concept and agreed that it merited further investigation. Marshall will seek additional information on the operation and cost of providing this function in the park.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Ross announced that her term on the Board is expiring at the end of June, and she will not be seeking reappointment. She has enjoyed her three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Board and will continue helping the group as a volunteer.

Kondak responded that the Board has enjoyed Lisa's membership and participation on the Board. She has been instrumental in the success of many Board activities and will be missed.

Kondak suggested that additional gravel is needed to build up the park pathway and provide drainage.

O'Reilly announced that Little League Opening Day is this Saturday, from 9 am until 4 pm. Bids will be opened by Village administration on the disc golf course on April 24. O'Reilly

thanked Dr. Kabot for his \$250 donation on behalf of Queen of Martyrs Church towards improvement of ball fields in the park.

O'Reilly informed everyone that he will not be seeking reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. He will continue his involvement with the disc golf course project.

Arvant was saddened to hear that two members are leaving the Board.

Arvant reported that she heard from Pat Liebler on the project to place an art sculpture in Beverly Park to commemorate the Longest Lemonade Stand event held last summer. The Nordin brothers (artists) are working on the base of the sculpture and will be firing the yellow glass next week. Members of the Board and Council have been invited to visit their facility. Interested individuals should meet at Nemo's parking lot in Detroit on Wednesday, April 25 at noon; they will tour the facility, view the project, and return to Nemo's for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.