

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Members: Davis, Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: Greening, Hausman and Kondak

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Alternate Council Liaison, LaFerriere

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park. She welcomed newly appointed Board member Jen Ruprich. Janice Hausman was also appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board but could not be present tonight.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

There was a consensus of the Board to amend the agenda to add two items: 5a) Recognition of Board members; and 5b) Consider cancelation of August Board meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JOINT COUNCIL/PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 2012

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the minutes of a Joint Council/Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on June 21, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire congratulated Council for selecting two great new Parks and Recreation Board members, Jen Ruprich and Janice Hausman.

Bob Siroskey on Bellvine Trail commented that he loved the park.

Delores Trainor of 18266 Huntley Square inquired about the work done at Riverside Park. She was one of the people who volunteered to plant native plants in that area. Trainor observed that a large number of the plants are now dead due to lack of watering. Some of the area residents are upset that the grassy area is gone.

It was explained that the Six Rivers Land Conservancy, a non-profit group that works with the Rouge Green Corridor, utilized a grant it received to install a buffer zone at Riverside Park. The purpose of the project was to create a natural buffer comprised of native plants to improve bank stabilization around the river. Clerk Marshall mentioned that this was not a Village project. She suggested that Mrs. Trainor could contact the individual who requested volunteers for planting and follow up with that person.

MOVIE IN THE PARK UPDATE

Arvant reviewed that the Movie in the Park night that was scheduled last August did not work out because of severe weather. A representative from the Stardust Rental Company indicated that they would come back this year for half the price due to the weather related cancelation. The cost to set up and operate a 24 ft. movie screen and sound system would be \$265. The Board was reimbursed in the amount of \$80 for the popcorn that was not used.

Arvant had contacted a movie company last year to purchase licensing to show the movie “Surf’s Up” and Looney Toons shorts. After the event was canceled last year, she negotiated to have one year to show the contracted movie. The Board could change the movie to Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax or The Muppet Movie for a charge of \$100-\$150 extra. Arvant thought that the event could take place for under \$500.

It was the consensus of the members present to pursue a movie night in the park this summer. It was agreed to schedule the movie night on Wednesday, August 22 with a rain date of Thursday, August 23. Arvant will arrange to have the company bring popcorn and to show The Muppet Movie.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HORSE SHOE PIT AT BEVERLY PARK

Marshall related that she received a request from Gary Grabowski to relocate the horse shoe pits from the current location near the park path entrance to an area south of the tennis courts. He is willing to donate time and effort to dig out the pits with some help from the Village DPW.

Board members discussed the idea and the logistics of moving the horse shoe pits. They were generally in support of the suggestion but required more specific information from Mr. Grabowski.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arvant opened the floor to nominations for the office of Parks and Recreation Board chairperson.

Davis nominated Cindy Arvant for the office of chairperson, and she accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Arvant was elected as chair by acclamation.

Arvant opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice-chairperson. Arvant stated that she spoke with Bill Kondak, and he is willing to serve as vice-chair in the event no one else is interested. Arvant nominated Bill Kondak as vice-chair. There were no further nominations. Bill Kondak was elected as vice-chair by acclamation.

RECOGNITION OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Schmitt proposed that the names of Jim O’Reilly and Lisa Ross be engraved on the plaque displayed in the municipal building lobby acknowledging their service and contributions to Beverly Park.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board request that administration have the name ‘Jim O’Reilly’ engraved on the plaque hanging in the municipal building lobby acknowledging contributors to Beverly Park.

Motion passed.

Motion by Arvant, second by Ruprich, that the Parks and Recreation Board request that administration have the name ‘Lisa Ross’ engraved on the plaque hanging in the municipal building lobby acknowledging contributors to Beverly Park.

Motion passed.

CONSIDER CANCELING AUGUST PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ruprich, to cancel the August Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Notification of the canceled meeting will be communicated through the GovDelivery email system.

Motion passed.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Alternate Council liaison LaFerriere asked that the Parks and Recreation Board consider and evaluate the possibility of having an area for adult recreation equipment in the park. He envisions all-weather equipment with the intent to bring people into the park and encourage exercise for the growing older population in the Village.

LaFerriere stated that the initiative came from New York City and Miami, where they have been experimenting with the concept of adult recreation areas in parks. He will send some ideas out to the Board in the form of video clips. LaFerriere estimated the cost at less than \$5,000 with the possibility of receiving financial support.

On behalf of the Board, Arvant stated that the idea will be explored and considered at future meetings. She asked Ruprich to assist her with the research.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

At the last Board meeting 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. He indicated that the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills had volunteered to accept and hold all donations for the monument.

Marshall informed the Board that the Woman's Club does not have a source for collecting and holding the money. She indicated that the Village's auditing firm discourages the Village from collecting and holding private donations for the park. The project is on hold at this point until the money collection aspect is resolved.

BOARD COMMENTS

Schmitt wished Pat Greening a Happy Birthday. He and other members welcomed Jen Ruprich and Janice Hausman to the Board.

Davis reviewed that the Parks and Recreation Board decided to replace dead plantings in the park. Goldner Walsh will do this work as soon as weather permits.

Arvant referred to a Free Press article stating that Eric Hausman is the project manager of the U of M Solar Car race team. She congratulated Eric and his family on this achievement.

Arvant missed Jim O'Reilly and Lisa Ross' last meeting in June. She recognized those individuals for the contributions they have made to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Arvant mentioned how pleased she was with the beautiful sculpture in the park donated by the Longest Lemonade Stand group. She commented on the popularity of the disc golf course and commended Jim O'Reilly for his efforts to bring this activity into the park. The course covers parts of the park that were underutilized. People of all ages are using the disc golf course with a lot of positive feedback.

Arvant stated that Kathy Westerlund is active in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walk that will come through Beverly Hills on Friday, August 17 between 8 and 11:30 am. Marshall outlined the route through Beverly Hills that will be used by approximately 1,000 the walkers. Kathy Westerlund thought it would be great if there was a concerted effort to have people show up along the route with signs, water, and words of encouragement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.