

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Davis, Greening, Hausman, Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: None

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

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 18, 2012

Motion by Ruprich, second by Davis, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on October 18, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clerk Marshall informed the Board that an item was omitted from tonight's agenda in error. She asked that the Board hear a request from the Groves High School Orchestra for use of Beverly Park at the beginning and end of their 5K Run.

Two students presented a proposal for a G.H.S. Orchestra 5K run through Beverly Woods and West Beverly that would begin and end at Beverly Park. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013 with registration at 8 a.m. in the park and the run from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The purpose of the 5K run is to raise funds so that all Groves Orchestra students can attend and benefit from a Fall 2013 Orchestra Camp that will include clinics featuring members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The students requested that the fees for use of the park pavilion be waived for this community fundraiser.

Board members discussed the fun run proposal. It was noted that the annual Memorial Day fun run will take place the weekend after this event. Marshall stated that, if the Parks and Recreation Board recommends approval of the proposal to the Village Council, the orchestra group will be required to prepare a route for the run and submit it to the Public Safety Department for evaluation.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the Groves High School Orchestra 5K run on May 19, 2013 starting and ending at the Beverly Park pavilion, and that the fees for park rental be waived. All musicians are encouraged to help at the Annual Park Clean Up event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE AMNESTY/ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB FROM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR THEIR SECOND ANNUAL TAILS-N-TRAILS DOG WALK FUNDRAISER

Co-Presidents of the Groves Amnesty International/Animal Rights Club, Sarah Horvath and Erica Gardner, requested the use of Beverly Park on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm to host their 2013 Tails-n-Trails Dog Walk fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for the Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescue. The representatives described a timeline of events that will occur on that day. After the walk, animals from the Paws-n-Claws animal rescue will be available for adoption. The group proposes to have a bake sale, pet competitions, and agility demonstrations from My Hero Dog Training. The event will be sponsored by Premier Pet Supply on Southfield Road.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Groves High School Amnesty/Animal Rights Club to use Beverly Park for its 2013 “Tails-n-Trails” Dog Walk on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and waive the park rental fees.

Motion passed.

REVIEW OF 2012 HALLOWEEN HOOT

In the absence of Janet Mooney, co-chair of the 17th Annual Halloween Hoot, John Mooney reported that the Hoot was an extraordinary event. The weather was great and there was a record turnout. Donations resulted in the cost of the event breaking even this year. Mooney thanked the many volunteers from the community, scouts, and Groves High School. He acknowledged Janet Mooney for the enormous amount of work she did on this year’s Halloween Hoot.

Pat Greening was pleased that the event is continuing to be a fun-filled day for all members of the community.

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR 2013 WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Co-chairs of the 2013 Winter Family Fun Day, Hausman and Ruprich, have met to organize the January event in the park. Board members provided information on activities, food, and donations from past years. There will be games and activities from previous years and new activities such as disk golf and snow sculptures. Greening volunteered to provide the hot chocolate. Marshall was asked to check on how much money is budgeted for this event.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 20 MEETING

Motion by Ruprich, second by Greening, to cancel the December meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion passed.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Council liaison John Mooney informed the Board that Tim Mercer has been elected to the position of Council President and Walther Briggs was elected President Pro-Tem. Council liaisons may change, but Mooney affirmed that the Parks and Recreation Board has his support. Mooney asked the Board to consider the fact that there is need for electricity in the park.

Mooney commented on the recent Council election and remarks made at candidate's forums. Members of the Board thanked John Mooney for his service and his support of the park.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall informed the Board that Eagle Scout candidate Kurt Melandy will be appearing before the Council on Tuesday, November 20 to present his community service project.

Schmitt mentioned that there are a number of picnic tables in the playground area that should be moved back to the pavilion.

BOARD COMMENTS

Greening thanked the Board for helping her plant the tree and create a garden area in the park in memory of her husband, Don Greening. She thought it looked very good.

Greening informed the Board that an individual representing Hubbell, Roth & Clark attended the Halloween Hoot and identified the areas where electricity was needed in the park. HRC will prepare and submit a quote on what is needed for electricity in the park.

Schmitt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Kondak welcomed Pat Greening back and thanked Janet Mooney for all of her work on the Halloween Hoot this year.

Davis related that the owner of Goldner Walsh planted the tree and garden plantings in the park mentioned earlier.

Arvant stated that she stopped by the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve on the weekend and it looked really good. There were a lot of people there, and the dogs were on leashes. She reported that Riverside Park looks better in terms of the native plantings. A new bench has been installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.