

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Davis, Greening, Hausman
Ruprich 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. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 21, 2013 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Westerlund asked about the half fallen trees in Beverly Park that are visible from Beverly Road. The topic of fallen trees was raised at last month's meeting. Marshall stated that she has passed this concern along to the Public Services Director.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC CLUB FOR USE OF TENNIS COURTS DURING 2013 SEASON

Sonia Sheppard was present on behalf of Brian Gijbers, tennis director for Beverly Hills Athletic Club. A request has been received by the Village to reserve the tennis courts at Beverly Park for 24 days during the months of June and July this summer. This year's request is for each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from June 17 to July 24 (except July 22), each Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm from June 20 to July 18, and July 23, 24, and 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It was explained that BHAC requires the use of two extra tennis courts at Beverly Park to accommodate the young people who want to practice and play in the BHAC Tennis Youth Program. This has been done for the past few years. In response to an inquiry, Marshall said that she has received no previous complaints regarding this use of the tennis courts.

Members discussed the Club's request for use of the tennis courts. There were concerns expressed about members monopolizing both courts for the extent of time requested during the day. It was noted that the BHAC made a donation to the Village last year for the opportunity to reserve the tennis courts. Marshall informed the Board that, if the request was approved, the Athletic Club would be issued a permit from the Village for the exclusive use of the tennis courts for the times requested.

Motion by Hausman, second by Ruprich, that the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts to the Beverly Hills Athletic Club on a limited basis at the discretion of Village Administration. The requested hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm from June 17 to July 24 (except July 22), each Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm from June 20 to July 18, and July 23, 24, and 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Ayes – Arvant, Hausman, Kondak and Ruprich
Nays – Davis, Greening and Schmitt

Motion passed (4 – 3).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

The Board is in receipt of the revised Community Recreation Plan based on comments and suggestions that were made at the February Parks & Recreation Board meeting. Board members proceeded to review the Goals and Objectives section and the Action Program to determine if there were any modifications needed prior to adoption.

Item #3 under Goals and Objectives was removed from the plan on the basis that it was redundant. It was noted that the Board has never collaborated with BASCC on park projects and that the percentage of older residents in the Village is declining, not growing. It was indicated that item #2 refers to developing programs for residents of various age groups.

The Action Program is comprehensive and includes proposals relative to maintaining what exists plus making decisions on capital purchases and improvements. There were no changes made to the Action Program.

There was a suggestion in the park survey comments about establishing a dog park. Arvant did not think a dog park would fit into Beverly Park. Dog parks require a large area of property and involve a significant amount of administration in terms of registration fees, waivers, and licensing of dogs. Other dog park requirements include fencing, appropriate drainage, occasional sod replacement, benches, and a disposal system. Administratively, a dog park would be a costly undertaking.

Another survey comment regarding a splash pad has been researched previously by the Parks and Recreation Board. It was found to be cost prohibitive. Before proceeding with installation of a splash pad, the Board would have to determine that it would fit in with available space, meet the needs of the community, and comply with the Village's liability policy. Board members agreed to add the splash pad idea to the Beverly Park recommendations page in the event that funding became available through a grant program.

It was the consensus of the Board to add a recommendation to the Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve section for further research: "Improve signage at Hidden Rivers".

After Parks and Recreation Board approval, the Community Recreation Plan is required to sit on the table for 30 days before going before Council. The Village Council will hold a public hearing and vote on adoption of the Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan for 2013-2018.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the proposed Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan 2013-2018.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

Pat Westerlund and the Devonshire Men's Club will be organizing the Memorial Day parade this year. Westerlund talked about ideas for this year's parade with members of the Board and sought their input on preferred activities. It was noted that participation from the Groves High School Band has been confirmed. Participants, entertainment, fees, and vehicles were discussed. Another topic of discussion was selection of a Grand Marshal. Westerlund will follow up on confirming parade participants.

Kondak reported on arrangements made for the carnival. Hausman has volunteered to coordinate the community organization games. She will also arrange for volunteers from Groves High School to help out with the carnival. Ron Berndt will assist with coordinating the flag ceremony and dedication of the new veterans monument in the park. He talked about ideas for the flag ceremony, which would include speeches by Beverly Hills veterans or active duty military. It was noted that enough donations have been collected to fund the monument and to construct the foundation.

Arvant talked about ideas for the food court offerings. National Coney Island will be participating again bringing hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and pop. The Board will sell water bottles.

Marshall related that she applied for and received a grant from Oakland County for the use of inflatables for the carnival. Board members authorized her to sign the contract. Members Greening and Davis will be ordering and donating the memorial wreath this year in memory of their husbands.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR MADDOX AND ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Board reviewed large group event planning forms from St. James Episcopal Church/Christine Gannon for a worship service and brunch on June 9, 2013 from 8:30 am to 11 am for 125 people and from Delphine Maddox for a Father's Day picnic on Sunday, June 16 from (4 – 9 pm) for 150 people.

A few Board members were concerned with the request from Delphine Maddox on behalf of the Generators Club of Detroit to have 150 people in the park on Father's Day. The form indicates that event participants will car pool from Beverly Elementary. It was noted that this group rented the pavilion last year on Father's Day. Marshall did not recall any complaints about the event last year.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall reported that staff began taking pavilion reservations on March 6; there have been 50 reservations accepted to date. She announced that the Village is accepting applications for the positions of Park Opener and two Park Attendants. All of these positions are open this year.

Beverly Road construction and staging of equipment in Beverly Park will occur this summer. The parking lot in Beverly Park is expected to be resurfaced in early August.

BOARD COMMENTS

Schmitt thanked administration for its work on the Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan.

Kondak proposed that the Board review pavilion rental rates this year. He suggested that the Board may want to consider blacking out dates on the pavilion rental calendar if there is concern about large group rentals on dates such as Father's Day.

Arvant reminded everyone that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in Beverly Park this Saturday, March 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.