

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 MARCH 21, 2013

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO COORDINATE A SPRING CLEAN UP PROJECT AT BEVERLY PARK

Arvant related that the Parks and Recreation Board is in receipt of an email from Fred Ayres, a community service director at Groves High School. He would like to organize approximately 75 student volunteers to perform a spring community service project at Beverly Park. Marshall related that it was unclear what the high school volunteers had in mind in terms of a clean up project. It was questioned whether there was enough work to do in Beverly Park for 75 volunteers. She informed Mr. Ayres of the Annual Park Clean Up scheduled for May 11 and the Memorial Day Carnival on May 27, an event where students could assist in various ways.

Mooney commented that volunteer high school students could rehabilitate the sledding hill, a project that he described in some detail. It is a labor intensive task that could be proposed to the students as a community service project. Board members were amenable to suggesting this project to the group of volunteers.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LOCATION FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT

An area has been identified with stakes near the pavilion and flag pole as a proposed location for the veterans memorial monument. Board members have received photographs of the area and made a site visit of the park prior to tonight's meeting.

Board members described alternate suggestions for the location of the memorial, which would require moving some engraved bricks and/or shrubs. Ron Berndt related the factors that were taken into account when Paul Kleppert chose the location. The monument can be viewed from both sides; the face of the monument can be viewed by people who are not entering the pavilion area; it is near the flagpole. Kleppert has indicated that there is money remaining from the funds raised to provide lighting for the monument.

Motion by Greening, second by Kondak, to install the veterans memorial monument in the location suggested by Paul Kleppert as indicated in the memo dated April 12, 2013 from Ellen Marshall.

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

Motion passed (6 – 1).

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 27. Carnival chairperson Bill Kondak outlined the preparations underway for the parade under the direction of Pat Westerlund, who could not be present at this meeting.

Kondak talked about arrangements that are ongoing and/or finalized for set up, games and entertainment during the carnival. A Grand Marshal has not been confirmed as yet; members made suggestions of individuals for this honorary position.

Arvant reported on the status of food tent offerings and preparations. She noted that volunteers could take over the sale of pop and water. Otherwise, National Coney Island will provide water and pop on short notice. Hausman is contacting groups about setting up community games. She will be soliciting volunteers help out at the carnival.

Ron Berndt provided an update on the memorial dedication when the new veterans monument will be unveiled. Sander Levin has offered a flag that flew over the White House.

The Memorial Day parade and carnival will be publicized in the May edition of the Villager Newsletter. Articles in local newspapers and flyers for distribution to school children will be forthcoming.

REVIEW PAVILION RENTAL RATES

Marshall has prepared a memo dated April 12, 2013 listing previous and current pavilion rental rates for residents and nonresidents. She included a chart indicating the 2013 Fee Schedules for residents and non-residents. The report indicates that there were 137 rentals in 2012, 18 of them were nonresidents or 13 percent.

Arvant asked if there were any thoughts from Board members on reviewing or changing the rental fees for next year. Questions from members on the charges were addressed by Marshall. Rates must be finalized by September if adjustments are being proposed. The new rates are listed in next year's calendar published in November. Discussion on pavilion rental rates was postponed to the June Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mooney informed the Board that there is a flyer being distributed to residents about preserving the Eryty Dam that feeds the pond at Riverside Park. It is being circulated by people who claim that the Village Council and Administration have not sought grants to repair the Eryty Dam.

Mooney recalled that the same people sent out a flyer two years ago criticizing the Council when it merely proposed applying for grant funds.

Mooney related that there has been some controversy with regard to ingress and egress to Hidden Rivers nature area. A resident has voiced displeasure that the Village will not abandon its right-of-way through the property that was collectively gifted to Beverly Hills in previous years. This property was transferred to the Village by property owners to ensure that the land would not be developed further.

Mooney asked that Parks and Recreation budget requests for FY 2013/14 be communicated to him prior to the Council budget study session next Tuesday, April 23.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall informed the Board that the Village has secured a park opener and two new park attendants, Rachel Howcroft and Mark Corless.

BOARD COMMENTS

Davis commented on the flyer addressing the poor condition of the Erity Dam.

The Board requested that Council budget \$15,000 for park maintenance in the 2013/14 budget. Necessary pavilion repairs were addressed by Kondak. Greening requested \$3,000 for the Annual Halloween Hoot. Arvant requested \$2,000 to fund a Movie in the Park event this summer.

Arvant will propose dates for a Movie in the Park at the next meeting. She reminded members about the Beverly Park Clean up on May 11. Bring gloves and gardening tools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.