

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

Absent: Schmitt

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Council member, Burry

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arvant opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Kondak nominated Arvant. There were no other nominations. Arvant was selected Chairperson by acclamation.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Davis nominated Kondak. There were no other nominations. Kondak was selected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A JOINT COUNCIL / PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2013

Hausman, page 5 under Board Comments, first paragraph, change \$120 to \$720.

Davis, page 5 under Board Comments, third paragraph, remove second sentence.

Kondak, page 1 under Parade & Carnival Revenue and Expenses from carnival, change “Net Profit” to just “Net”.

Motion by Hausman, second by Davis, that the minutes of a joint Council / Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on June 20, 2013 be approved as amended.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MOVIE IN THE PARK UPDATE

The movie *Despicable Me* will be shown Monday, August 19th at Beverly Park at dusk. Stardust Theatre Rentals, the company that provides this service, is charging the same rate that was paid two years ago. The fee charged by Stardust is \$633.00 (including popcorn); there is a movie licensing fee and shipping charge of \$296.00. The total cost of the movie night is \$929.50. Arvant commented that she will bring popsicles to hand out.

Marshall related that the DPW crew will mow the grass in the park that morning and spray for bugs. The movie will start between 8:30-9:00 pm.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO BALL FIELDS

Paul Turner, and his brother, Todd Turner, were present to seek input from Board members regarding improvements to the ball fields at Beverly Park. A handout was distributed to the

Board listing possible ball field improvements for this fall and next spring including estimated costs.

Improvements discussed were as follows:

1 – Replicate the existing dugouts at the south field on the north field. The cost of this project was estimated at \$11,000.

2 – Repair/place home plate and pitching rubbers. Pitching rubbers at the Beverly Park north field are in disrepair. Additionally, they were not installed properly; they do not face home plate. Paul Turner outlined the issues and described the materials and time required for the projects. The estimated cost of the work is \$1,152.72.

3 – Retrofit Beverly Park north and south fields respectively with new bases. By retrofitting the fields, the park will be able to host a 50/70 Little League team and a 54/80 team. The cost is to be determined.

4 – Construct a storage shed on a cement pad behind the north ball field where items could be stored and inventoried for Little League use. The structure would be accessible to both fields.

5 – Field mix. It would be desirable to use a better field mix than the current product comprised of crushed cement that makes its way to the surface and is hard on kids' knees and legs when they slide or dive. Parks and Rec contributed funds toward this project in past years.

Turner asked if there was money in the Village's Parks and Recreation budget that could be earmarked to offset the cost of any of these ball field improvements. He affirmed that Beverly Hills Little League funds will be used for these projects.

Member comments and questions on the proposed projects were addressed by Turner. Ruprich suggested constructing a wooden backstop as an Eagle project. It was noted that recycling bins are needed at the ball fields.

In response to an inquiry, Turner stated that the optimal time to do these projects was in the fall into October or early November. The general consensus of the Board was to recommend that Council support the park improvement project to some extent. Turner will provide more information for the September meeting so that the Board can make an informed decision.

Council member Burry suggested that Turner compile a prioritized list of improvements including estimated costs. Beverly Hills Little League will come back to the September Parks and Recreation Board meeting with a more detailed proposal for the Board's review and recommendation to Council.

DISCUSS RIVERSIDE PARK

Greening expressed concern about the appearance of Riverside Park. She distributed photographs taken of the park and pointed out that the previously existing grassy area was replaced with wood chips and native plants, which look like weeds in her opinion.

Board members discussed the natural look of the park. Arvant referred to a photograph taken before the Rouge River Nature Conservancy project and a picture taken recently and saw little difference in the area. Kondak commented that grass does not grow in the park due to the nature of the ground, people walking in the park, and the geese in the area.

Greening thought that something should be done to improve Riverside Park because it looks overgrown and messy. There was no action taken by the Parks and Recreation Board.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall presented a large group survey for Amanda O’Gorman who is considering a bounce house for a birthday party at the Beverly Park pavilion on September 15, 2013.

The parking lot and Beverly Road will be paved during the next week.

Kurt Melendy plans to have his Eagle Scout project (installing benches on the sled hill) completed by September. Kondak remarked that the benches should be placed in a location that does not block cross country team members from running up and down the hill.

BOARD COMMENTS

Hausman suggested the installation of “A Little Library” at Beverly Park that would consist of a box on a post and would provide the opportunity for people to leave a book and/or take a book. This would be similar to the Reading Center at the Village Office, but on a smaller scale. Hausman will research this idea and present it at an upcoming Board meeting.

Kondak thanked Arvant for her efforts in organizing the Movie in the Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.