

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

Absent: None

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Motion by Schmitt, second by Greening, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on September 18, 2014 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR THEIR THIRD ANNUAL FORTE 5K RUN ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

Barb Seidel and her son Patrick Seidel presented a proposal on behalf of the Groves High School Orchestras to hold the third annual Forte 5K Run and Walk on Village streets and at Beverly Park. The Concert, Symphony, and Electronic String Ensemble Orchestras under the direction of Mr. Paul Shawver are provided with many opportunities to perform at national and international venues. Patrick Seidel talked about various trips and performances he has experienced as a member of the orchestra. The 5K run is the biggest fundraiser that makes those experiences possible.

The event would be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Registration will begin at 8:00 am in the pavilion where the Run will start at 9:00 am along Village streets in the West Beverly subdivision. The group will require use of the pavilion. Ms. Seidel requested that fees for renting the pavilion be waived. If the orchestra group is able to solicit vendors for the event, a waiver from selling goods in the park will be requested from the Village Council. The 5K organizers will be contacting the Public Safety Department regarding the route.

Motion by Greening, second by Hausman, that the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends Village Council approval of the request from Groves Orchestras to hold the third annual Forte 5K Run on Sunday, May 17, 2015 between 7:30 am to 11:30 am. This event will begin and end at the Beverly Park pavilion, and they will utilize Village streets and sidewalks for the run. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived and that the restriction on sales in the park be waived for this event.

Ayes – Davis, Greening, Hausman, Kondak, Ruprich
Nays – Schmitt
Motion passed (5 – 1).

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT ASSIGNMENTS

Halloween Hoot organizer Pat Greening outlined the schedule for the 19th Annual Halloween Hoot activities on Sunday, October 26 and informed the Board when and where help was needed. Volunteers are welcome throughout the day. At least eighteen neighborhood associations and community groups are participating in setting up stations along the trail this year.

ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Kondak reviewed that Cindy Arvant stepped down from her position on the Parks and Recreation Board due to a work conflict. Kondak opened the floor for nominations for chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board. Hausman nominated Bill Kondak for the position of Board chairperson. Kondak accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Kondak was elected chairperson by acclamation.

Ruprich nominated Janice Hausman to serve as vice-chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. There were no other nominations. Hausman accepted the nomination and was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mooney said that there was discussion at the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting about bringing in professionals to do necessary landscaping maintenance in Beverly Park. He anticipated that Council would approve a proposal for regular landscape maintenance in the park.

Mooney informed the Board that Brian LaFerriere has resigned his position on Council for the reason that he has moved out of the Village. Council will be reviewing applications and will appoint an individual to fill his seat for the remainder of his term. If any Board members are interested in this position, application can be made at the Village office. Mooney added that three people are running for four open positions on Council at the November 4, 2014 Election. There is at least one person who is registered as a write-in candidate for Council.

Mooney will be meeting with Paul Turner from the Beverly Hills Little League. He asked if Board members had any suggestions regarding the finish work on the storage shed in Beverly Park. It was noted that the bricks for the lower part of the structure have not been installed.

Mooney commended Scout Ethan Webster of Troop 1024 on a great Eagle project that involved filling the ditch on the sled hill in order to prevent erosion and make the hill safer. He noted that Troop 1024 members have done a lot to improve Beverly Park over the years.

Pat Greening informed the Board that she has obtained proposals from three local landscaping firms for maintenance of Beverly Park. Greening provided Clerk Marshall with the proposals for review and consideration.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

At last month's meeting, Marshall talked about a product that could be used to replace worn and weathered boards on picnic tables with a recycled plastic material. She informed the Board that the cost of the retrofit kits available through the BarcoBoard company was \$338 per kit; the cost of shipping was \$234 per kit due to the weight of the product. The cost to repair one picnic table would be \$572. Marshall has not found a similar product that is available locally; the product is available in Wisconsin or in Illinois.

Board members discussed repair versus purchase of new picnic tables. There are 12 picnic tables in need of repair. Marshall will provide additional information to the Board, and this will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting.

At last month's meeting, Board members talked about purchasing and installing a pet drinking fountain in Beverly Park. Marshall found three quotes and informed the Board that the cost of this type of fountain was in the range of \$4,000-\$5,000. There was no action taken on these proposals.

In response to an inquiry, Marshall reported that there have been no applications received by the Village as yet to fill the vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Board.

BOARD COMMENTS

Hausman mentioned that the concept of the Little Free Library is catching on with residents. There are a number of books available. However, there is a need for more children's books.

Hausman observed that one of the tire see-saw toys in the park needs repair. She reported that a tree fell and damaged a portion of the fence along Allerton near the back ball field. These repairs were noted by Marshall and will be addressed by Village staff.

Greening thanked Board members for their help and hoped that they all come to the Halloween Hoot. Davis congratulated the new chairperson and vice-chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Both Davis and Greening were advocates of hiring a landscaping firm to clean up the park. Schmitt congratulated the new officers of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Kondak commented that he missed last month's meeting; he was sorry to see Cindy Arvant step down from the Parks and Recreation Board. She was hard working and had great ideas. Hopefully, Cindy will be available to volunteer for park activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.