

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

Absent: Davis and Greening

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

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

Kondak proposed adding an agenda item to consider a request from Amnesty/Animal Rights Club at Groves High School to use Beverly Park for their Annual Tails-N-Trails Dog Walk Fundraiser. There was unanimous agreement from the Board.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 16, 2014**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ruprich, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on October 16, 2014 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM AMNESTY/ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB AT GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL TAILS-N-TRAILS DOG WALK FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015**

Sophia Pryor and Jessica McCoy representing the Groves Amnesty International/Animal Rights Club requested the use of Beverly Park on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm to host their 2015 Tails-n-Trails Dog Walk fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Paws-n-Claws and House of Critters Animal Rescues. These no-kill rescues are nonprofit organizations that rely solely on donations and fund raisers.

The main event is a dog walk that will take place along the Beverly Park trail. Dogs and cats will be available for adoption after the walk. Other activities being considered are a concession stand, pet-based competitions, a raffle, and agility demonstrations from My Hero Dog Training & Sports. Birmingham Public Schools will provide a certificate of insurance covering the event.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Groves High School Amnesty/Animal Rights Club to use Beverly Park for its 2015 “Tails-n-Trails” Dog Walk on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and waive any pavilion rental fees.

Motion passed.

### **REVIEW 2014 HALLOWEEN HOOT**

Pat Greening could not be present at today's meeting. Kondak related that this year's Halloween Hoot held on Sunday, October 26 was very well attended. Pat Greening and Janet Mooney did a great job of organizing the event. They plan to continue the tradition and hold the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Hoot next year. There were many volunteers from the community, and it was an enormous success.

### **DISCUSS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

Kondak stated that there was discussion regarding continued park maintenance and improvements at the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board with Council in June. Kondak distributed a list of park improvements compiled several years ago in an effort to obtain cost estimates and allocate funding. He asked members for their thoughts and ideas on priority park improvements in terms of maintenance or capital improvements.

Board members suggested taking action on the following items.

Repair or replace picnic tables – Marshall will be providing information on replacing boards on picnic tables and/or purchasing new tables. This will be a topic of discussion in January or February.

Fitness equipment along the park trail – This idea was mentioned in previous years. Hausman will research types of fitness equipment and costs.

Glass/Plastic/Trash Recycle Receptacles – It was suggested that recycle bins be located at the playground and ball field areas. People are interested in recycling. Ruprich will research the cost and feasibility of using these containers.

New playground equipment – The suggestion was made to add something new and fun to the playground area. It was questioned whether it was feasible to expand the playground area without infringing on the disc golf course.

It was noted that the availability of grants could be researched for park capital projects such as fitness equipment, recycle receptacles and playground equipment.

Pavilion Grill – The built-in grate is not level and needs repair. Masonry work is needed at the top of the brick fireplace. It was proposed that a mason be engaged by Village Administration to do repair work on the bricks and the grate.

Paint Pavilion – The pavilion will be painted this summer.

Woodchip path – The woodchip path becomes difficult to use when wet. It is not handicapped accessible. Drainage improvements are needed. There was some discussion on paving the path or building a wood boardwalk. These ideas may be cost prohibitive and require regular maintenance. In response to an inquiry, Marshall said that new woodchips are installed on the path after Christmas trees are chipped in January.

Disc Golf – There are a couple of disc golf stations that need attention in terms of low areas and drainage. Tee boxes are in need of additional wood chips. Kondak suggested that repair of tee boxes could be an Eagle Scout project.

Playground Wood Chips – The playground woodchips are a special sterilized material that need replacement every several years. New woodchips should be ordered for the 2015 season.

Drinking Fountain at playground area – This suggestion was made. A water line would have to be routed to that area.

Fencing along Allerton Drive – There are unsightly areas of the Allerton Fence. Marshall explained that scrub foliage is growing into the fence, which would make it difficult to remove and replace. It was noted that some scrub trees are also starting to grow into the fence along Beverly Road.

Park landscape maintenance – Kondak understood that a contract has been approved to have English Gardens maintain the Beverly Park landscaping. Due to the early winter weather, it is not certain when crews from English Gardens will be able to work in the park. It was thought that the landscape company could be directed to remove growth from the park fencing. Marshall will follow up on this.

Handicap Accessible Swing – It was suggested that a handicap accessible swing could be added to the existing swing set in the playground.

There was some conversation about the status of the Little League storage building. It appears that the brick work will be done in the spring.

Kondak stated that consideration should be given to whether the Parks and Recreation budget would require allocation of additional funds for the park improvements under discussion. This determination should be made soon so a request can be forwarded to the Village Council.

#### **DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR 2015 WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY**

The 2015 Winter Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, January 25. Hausman and Ruprich will organize the event with the assistance of the newest member Molly Borgon. There was discussion regarding the activities planned for that day.

#### **DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANCELATION OF DECEMBER 18 MEETING**

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, to cancel the regularly scheduled December 18 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Motion passed.

#### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

New Council liaison, Phil Mueller, said that he looked forward to serving as a liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board. He talked about problems being experienced with the curbside leaf collection in the Village, which was a topic of discussion at the November 18 Council meeting.

This service will be reevaluated by Council. Mueller congratulated Molly Borgon on her appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mueller commented on the park improvement list reviewed by the Board at today's meeting. He suggested that the items be categorized and prioritized in terms of maintenance and safety issues as well as capital improvements. Cost estimates would be helpful.

#### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Marshall informed the Board that the Boy Scout Klondike event is scheduled to be held in Beverly Park on the Saturday after the Winter Family Fun Day.

Marshall reported that she ordered the "Movie in the Park" banner. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board members welcomed Council liaison Phil Mueller. Members welcomed new Board member Molly Borgon and looked forward to working with her. Borgon related that she was excited to be a member of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Kondak thanked everyone throughout the community who helped with the Halloween Hoot and added to its success. Many families participated and enjoyed the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.