

Present: Council: President Mercer; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: Burry, LaFerriere, Mooney and Oen

Parks & Recreation Board: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Davis, Greening, Hausman, Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: Council: Kelly

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Chairperson Arvant called the joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Village Council to order at 7:30 pm in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2014

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on May 15, 2014 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Kondak, second by Schmitt, to add an agenda item 2a, “Consider Eagle Scout project of Ethan Webster”.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Mooney asked that there be an opportunity for public comments at the end of the meeting.

CONSIDER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF ETHAN WEBSTER

Ethan Webster from Troop 1024 lives at 32906 Balmoral and will be a senior at Groves High School in September. He described his proposed Eagle Scout project for Beverly Park. There is a ditch on the south side of the sled hill at the rear of the park. The plan is to fill in the ditch and to prevent further erosion. Webster distributed a handout outlining his project while he explained his plan to construct a system to avoid erosion. He commented on the dangerous nature of that side of the hill.

Webster asked for Parks and Recreation Board approval to build a series of bulkheads at points along the hill to stop erosion. He asked the Village to provide the dirt to be used for infill and \$100 for materials. Webster would be providing the wood, manpower, and some of the supplies needed. Questions from Board members were addressed by Webster. Arvant remarked that the erosion at the sled hill has been viewed as a concern by the Board for some time.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Beverly Park sled hill improvements proposed by Ethan

Webster and that the Village provide the necessary soil to fill in the gully as well as a financial contribution not to exceed \$200.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER TREE DONATION FOR PLANTING AT BEVERLY PARK

Cathy Johnson of 32381 Norchester was present on behalf of several friends and neighbors of long time residents Bob and Betty Ladewig. She requested approval to plant a tree in Beverly Park in remembrance of Bob Ladewig, who sadly passed away in May. Johnson proposed planting a Tulip tree, which is a native tree of the eastern United States. She described the characteristics and growth patterns of Tulip trees. They would like to plant it across from the gazebo in the open area on the east side of the path. Questions from the Park Board and Council were addressed by Johnson.

Motion by Ruprich, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council accept the generous donation from Village residents of a Tulip tree to be planted near the gazebo in remembrance of Bob Ladewig.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Motion by Mooney, second by Mercer, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve the generous donation from Village residents of a Tulip tree to be planted near the gazebo in remembrance of Bob Ladewig.

Motion passed (7 - 0).

REVIEW AND DISCUSS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

Kondak related that the weather was excellent for this year's Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, and there was a great turnout. Parade chairpersons Kim and Mike Eberhardt did a fantastic job of organizing the parade. Kim Eberhardt provided an overview of the parade and listed a number of acts and participants. She had suggestions for next year's event regarding new acts, more local participants, and increased publicity and outreach. Comments and questions from those present were noted and addressed by Kim.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board and Council, Arvant thanked Kim and Mike Eberhardt for coming forward to chair the Memorial Day Parade this year and doing a wonderful job. The Eberhardts said that they would do it again next year. They received a round of applause from everyone in attendance.

Kondak thanked Ron Berndt for organizing the Memorial service at the flagpole. Park Board members recapped various aspects of the event including the entertainment, food trucks, community groups and volunteers.

Carnival chairman Kondak distributed and reviewed the accounting summary for the 2014 Memorial Day Parade and Carnival detailing income and expenses for the parade and carnival.

Ticket Sales	\$4,762.60
Donations	5,425.00
Groves Silent Auction	250.00
Jacques Tacos	121.00
Harvey's Hot Dogs	75.00
Kona Ice	210.00
Treat Dreams	60.00
Village contribution	<u>1,350.00</u>
	\$12,253.00
Expenses	(\$7,901.74)
NET SURPLUS	\$4,351.86

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR DEVINE AND JACKSON

The Board reviewed large group event planning forms from Devine and Jackson. One is a wedding and the other is an 80th birthday party. There were no objections from Board members. Schmitt questioned the Board's role in terms of reviewing group event planning forms suggesting that it could be an administrative function. Some of the members appreciated being advised of upcoming events occurring in the park.

At Arvant's inquiry, Marshall affirmed that the park rules sheet distributed to those renting the pavilion states that the participants cannot park on the grass. It was suggested that the offending groups forfeit their deposit if Administration is made aware that parking on the grass has occurred.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LANCERUS GROUP TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR MONTHLY EVENTS

Ben Wagman from Royal Oak representing the Lancerus group was present. He has contacted the Village Office requesting to use the area west of the sled hill once a month for their re-enactment battles. Lancerus is a live action role-playing game or sport where the participants physically act out their characters' actions. Their group is an offshoot of the larger game Dagorhir, founded by a group who shared an enthusiasm for Lord of the Rings and medieval history. The theme of Lancerus is to hit the enemy to win and not get hit in the process. Wagman stated that the weapons used are completely safe.

Wagman related that Lancerus holds weekly practices in Whittier Park in Royal Oak. The practices are open to the public. Every month they hold Events, which are for Lancerus regulars only. They would like to use Beverly Park for their monthly events because the area has less exposure. The group also requested use of the pavilion.

Questions from the Park Board and Council were addressed by Wagman. The participants would be in costume. Wagman displayed a shield, sword and an arrow. The sword was heavily padded with foam as was the arrow. The group uses bendable stakes that are placed in the ground for markers. It was mentioned that there are other activities in the park such as the disc golf tee and course that extends down to that west side of the hill.

In answer to an inquiry, Wagman responded that Lancerus does not have insurance; they use a waiver system. It was explained to Mr. Wagman that the Village requires that any group holding an activity in the park whether it is a food vendor, fun run, or a party providing a bounce house must submit a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additional insured on the policy. On that basis, the Parks and Recreation Board and Council cannot approve this group event to be held in Beverly Park.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer and other Council members stated that they appreciated the work that the Parks and Recreation Board does for the park and the community. The signature event in the Village is the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. Council thanked the Board for organizing this community activity.

Mooney suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board and Council need to think longer term with respect to park maintenance and capital improvements. Beverly Park needs some significant work on landscaping with regard to grass, shrubbery and tree trimming. A mechanism should be established to inspect the park and do the necessary maintenance involving landscaping, the pavilion, playground equipment, picnic tables, ball diamonds, park security, etc. Mooney thought that there was support on Council for maintaining the park. The appearance of the park is important to the community. At some point in time, there may be a need for a park millage to support the maintenance of the park and provide capital improvements.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Manager Wilson stated that money was included in the 2014-15 budget for repainting of the park pavilion and for tree removal and replacement. Both will probably be fall projects. Wilson agreed with Mooney's comments and thought that the park grounds could use some work. He suggested that the Board look into contracting with a professional landscape company to handle landscaping and grounds maintenance.

There was \$5,000 budgeted for the park area at Greenfield and Beverly Roads. Wilson welcomed suggestions from the Parks and Recreation Board on how to improve this area. Any work done there would be coordinated with the Park Board.

Marshall stated that she has had recent requests to purchase paving bricks for the flagpole area. It has been five years since that program was active. She asked whether the Board was interested in reactivating this program for a defined period of time. After some discussion, Board members indicated that they would discuss this further at an upcoming meeting. Cost of the bricks will be explored.

Marshall informed the Board that she has requested quotes on the building materials for the storage shed approved for Beverly Park. She has been in contact with Beverly Hills Little League coach Paul Turner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Greening stated that she would like to have a landscape company like Goldner Walsh or another contractor come into the park twice a year to professionally trim and maintain the shrubs and trees. Greening suggested that grass be planted at Riverside Park in the place of the native plantings so it would look more attractive. She was in favor of a park millage for maintenance of the park into the future.

Ruprich said that she was asked by the tennis team at Beverly Hills Athletic Club to thank the Parks and Recreation Board for allowing them to use the tennis courts in Beverly Park. It was noted that they have replaced the net three times out of their funds. Wilson responded that the Village would like to know where the BHAC purchases their nets. Village staff is having trouble finding a supplier for heavy duty, quality nets for the tennis and volleyball courts.

It was noted that both tennis courts were painted with pickle ball lines. One court was requested to be painted.

Schmitt suggested that the Board consider canceling either the July or August meeting. Schmitt said that he thought that Riverside Park looked good with the native plantings. He asked that one of the benches be replaced. Marshall indicated that she has a bench ready to be installed at Riverside Park.

Kondak appreciated Mooney's comments about maintaining the park. It is time to make some of the improvements mentioned. An ongoing park maintenance list will be a topic of discussion at a future meeting.

Davis commented on the duties of the park part-time help. Hausman thanked Council for their support of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Arvant thanked Council for its support for past and future projects. She thanked Administration for being prompt in responding to Board member questions and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.