

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

Absent: Greening

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Councilmember Mueller

Chairperson Kondak called the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. at Beverly Park, 18801 Beverly Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A JOINT COUNCIL/PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2015

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis to approve the minutes as published.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MOVIE IN THE PARK UPDATE

Janice Hausman stated the 30x16 screen with trusses has been reserved. She mentioned there are two options for popcorn vendors, Detroit Popcorn which offers regular popcorn and Kettlecorn which offers flavored popcorn. The Board agreed to regular popcorn from Detroit Popcorn. There was discussion from members regarding estimated attendance and amount of popcorn needed. Davis asked whether the popcorn would need to be divided into individual portions. Hausman confirmed the members would need to pre-bag the bulk popcorn into individual bags.

Ruprich stated a movie has not been decided at this time. Members discussed options of current and classic movie titles available. She also mentioned the option of Kona Ice in addition to popcorn.

COME OUT AND PLAY UPDATE

Assistant Manager/Clerk Marshall presented a sample flyer from a Come Out and Play event hosted by Oakland County in June. Members inquired if the County would prepare a similar flyer for our event. Marshall attended the County event in June and gave an overview of the activities.

Hausman asked whether the Village would offer a rain date. Marshall confirmed the event will be canceled if the weather does not cooperate.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Mueller recapped the bridge has been removed, and that the rehab/replacement to be performed as an Eagle Scout project is still pending. Hausman asked if there were plans from the original construction to assist in repairs. Fencing repair on the hill is on the list for the Village DPW crew.

Hausman stated there is a possibility of obtaining used fly pads from a championship level course to replace worn ones on our Disc Golf course. Mueller stated there is interest in utilizing excess compost from woodchips removed from the playground to improve the Disc Golf pathways. Hausman suggested contacting the Groves Football team to volunteer labor in moving compost to problem areas. She agreed to contact their coach, Brendan Flaherty, to coordinate with the team and Council President Mooney. There was concern expressed from members about who would provide necessary equipment, especially wheel barrels, for the work.

Marshall stated pavilion painting was complete except for a second coat on restrooms and minor touch-ups in a few locations.

Mueller confirmed the hill steps, wood chip replacement, brick pathway, and horseshoe pits projects are all complete. Allerton fence and standing water issues are both low priority. Borgon will provide an update regarding additional playground equipment at the September meeting.

Kondak expressed concern about trees lost in years past due to pest and disease that have never been replaced. He suggested contracting with a nursery to recommend appropriate tree species and their placement in the park. Ruprich recapped a similar project that was completed with her neighbors and she stated trees were approximately \$400-\$500, including planting. Marshall suggested addition of trees along Beverly Road near parking lot. She also stated there are grant programs available for tree planting projects, however those would not be available until 2016. There was discussion among members on benefits of various tree species.

Motion by Hausman, second by Kondak to recommend Council seek bids to engage with a nursery to recommend tree species, supply and plant 20 trees near the parking lot and playground at Beverly Park for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with funds from the park improvement fund.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6 – 0).

Ruprich mentioned newly installed outdoor exercise equipment at Detroit Riverwalk. She expressed interest in adding similar options to Beverly Park.

Borgon suggested replacing the water fountain with one that allows filling of water bottles. She also expressed concern about the lack of balls for the park plunger game. There was concern about theft of balls. The Board came to a consensus to purchase 6 balls for \$30 and label them “Beverly Park” with indelible marker to discourage theft.

Hausman inquired about landscaping near the restroom building at the entrance from the parking lot. Marshall explained space would need to remain on the south side for the portable restrooms. Davis suggested adding flowering bushes. Members expressed overall desire to beautify the east wall facing the parking lot. Schmitt offered to plant viburnums along the east wall.

Marshall stated she is working with Action Fence to provide a quote to add fencing on the south side of pavilion to block vehicle access to pavilion. Village events will continue to have access via the existing gate.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS FOR ARCECI, LITTLE/JARC, AND JORDAN

The Board reviewed large group event planning forms from Arceci, Little/JARC, and Jordan. Marshall stated Jordan group was in agreement to keep music volume at reasonable level. There were no objections from members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kondak opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Board. Davis nominated William Kondak as the Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson. He declined the nomination. Kondak nominated Janice Hausman as the Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson. There were no further nominations. Hausman was elected chairperson by acclamation.

Hausman nominated Jennifer Ruprich as the Vice-Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Board. There were no further nominations. Ruprich was elected vice-chairperson by acclamation.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mueller thanked Kondak for his service as Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Board. He informed the board that the development at 19600 W 13 Mile, Tremont Lane, is on the July 21, 2015 regular Council meeting agenda for site plan approval. He also provided an overview of the ongoing issues with the Eritry Dam, and update on the plan to assess damage from the failed spillway. Hausman inquired whether there was state funding available for this work. Mueller explained the dam is approximately 40% Village owned and 60% privately owned.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

Phil Schmitt thanked Kondak for his service as Chairperson. He also congratulated former Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson Cynthia Arvant on her appointment as 46th District Judge.

Molly Borgon thanked Kondak for his service as Chairperson and extended thanks to Hausman and Ruprich for serving as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Irene Davis commented on the weeds surrounding the pavilion and suggested the Board meet early in September to work on removal. She also thanked Kondak for his service as Chairperson.

Janice Hausman noted an article in MetroParent Magazine about the Little Free Libraries and mentioned the location at Beverly Park. She stated books are being taken out but not replaced, and she has added new labels encouraging users to return the books. She has been attempting to get in touch with the representative from Farmington Hills regarding Camp Out and will provide an update at a future meeting. She thanked Kondak for his service as Chairperson.

William Kondak thanked Council member Mueller for his service as liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board. He also thanked Hausman and Ruprich for taking over as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. He reminded members the August meeting has been canceled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.