

Present: Council: President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Kelly, Mueller and Oen

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

Absent: Council: Mooney
Parks & Recreation: Borgon, Greening

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

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

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA

Hausman requested an amendment to the agenda to add discussion on the “Come Out and Play” event scheduled in August. There was unanimous consent to add this as Agenda Item 5.a.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2015

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the minutes of the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting, held on May 21, 2015, be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katie Kelly and Abby Mayer thanked the Parks and Recreation Board and Council for letting them hold a bake sale during the Memorial Day celebration. The sale raised \$96.80 for the “No Kids Hungry” charity. Combined with other fundraisers, the total to be donated is \$227.00. Thanks were extended by everyone for their participation and for coming tonight.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

Hausman reviewed this year’s Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. There was a great turnout, and Parade chairperson Mike Eberhardt did a fantastic job of organizing the parade. Hausman recommended an increased Veterans presence for next year. They will reach out to various organizations. Mike Eberhardt provided an overview of the parade and listed a number of acts and participants. He 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 Mike.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board and Council, Hausman thanked Kim and Mike Eberhardt for coming forward to chair the Memorial Day Parade this year and doing a wonderful job. Mike Eberhardt said that they would keep an open mind about chairing the event again next year. They have a couple, Ben and Joanne Grobe, who may be interested in helping.

Hausman noted the need to purchase a new grand marshal banner for 2016. Kondak will check on whether there are enough car signs.

Peddie offered to contact the Coast Guard to do a fly over next year.

Carnival Chairperson Hausman stated the accounting summary for the 2015 Memorial Day Parade and Carnival is not complete, but we have a surplus of \$5,500 at this time. Assistant Manager/Clerk Marshall has sent thank-you letters to the sponsors. The event was a success. The rides and community groups did well. There was a good variety of food trucks, but people missed having pizza available for purchase. It was suggested that consideration be given to getting a pizza food truck for 2016. Hausman noted the Masonic Child Identification Program prepared kits for over 100 children. Park Board members recapped various aspects of the event including the entertainment, food trucks, community groups and volunteers.

Kondak thanked Ron Berndt for organizing the commemoration service at the flagpole. Consideration will be given to having Veterans speak next year. Better road barricades and coordination with Public Safety is needed next year. Thanks were extended by Kondak to everyone for their work on the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival.

Jen Ruprich arrived at 7:50 p.m.

UPDATE ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Council and the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed a chart outlining the status of various park projects.

Mueller has taken the lead on the gazebo refurbishing. The bridge needs to be removed. This may be an Eagle Scout Project by Donna Selenich's son, Nathan Abbott. A photo of the bridge is needed. Additional repairs are required on the hill fencing. Marshall will check on who is replacing the boards. The disc golf tee box area is too wet to inspect and complete at this time. Mueller and Oen are working on the pavilion brick and grill repair. Bids were awarded by Council for painting of the pavilion and should start before July 4th. Mueller suggested having the Park Rangers scrape and paint the lost and found pole. Filling in slag on the hill steps has been assigned to Park Rangers. Playground wood chips are to be completed by the end of June. Abboud discussed the need to paint the fence and benches on the hill and removal of graffiti. Leveling the brick pathway is ongoing by Park Rangers. The Horseshoe pits need to get on the Park Rangers' list.

Clearing brush by the Allerton fence, standing water drainage, and mosquito control are long-term projects requiring attention. Mueller asked about getting an aerial spray for mosquito abatement.

Marshall has talked to the contractor regarding additional playground equipment. Molly Borgon volunteered to be the lead on this project.

Additional short-term projects were discussed including landscaping around the bathroom, repairing the vent on the restroom building, yellow vehicle gate repainting or replacement, removal of the dead pine near the ball field, removal of the bricks near the ball field shed, removal of worn basketball nets, replacement of the swimming/diving/wading sign and removal of graffiti.

Abboud presented the idea of wrapping trash receptacles with illustrations of various Village scenes.

It was requested that the fence on Beverly Road be added to the list of projects.

Marshall discussed the problem of people wanting to drive up to the pavilion and unload. She suggested adding short wrought iron fencing or other architectural barriers.

Completed projects were discussed, including hill step spikes, fallen trees on the disc course, repair of volleyball court frame, concrete walk repair, landscaping, infant swing replacement, additional recycle bins, new pavilion picnic tables, pond bench, and repair of concrete cracks at the pavilion and shed.

Delaney discussed the problem of damage created by hot grills being placed on picnic tables. He also asked about the condition of the tree near the east gate.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER POLICY REGARDING FOOD TRUCKS DURING PAVILION RENTALS

Discussion followed regarding interest expressed by people renting the pavilion to have food trucks on site for their event. It was suggested that a formal policy be adopted to either allow or prohibit food trucks. It was noted food trucks on site that are available just to the event participants may be confusing to people outside the event. It was suggested that a sign could be put on the truck indicating it is for a private function, or guests could have tickets or arm bands. It was questioned whether allowing food trucks on site for private events sets a wrong impression. Parking, the size of the truck, and advertising were also addressed.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, to recommend that the Village Council adopt a “No Food Trucks” Policy for park pavilion rentals.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

Motion by Peddie, second by Oen, to approve a policy of “No Food Trucks” during pavilion rentals; unless specifically authorized by Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oen, Peddie, Delaney, Kelly

Nayes: Abboud, Mueller

Motion passed (4 – 2).

“COME OUT AND PLAY” DAY IN BEVERLY PARK, AUGUST 27, 2015

On August 27th, Oakland County Parks and Recreation will bring mobile play facilities to Beverly Park. This event will be in collaboration with the City of Lathrup Village. The event will be in conjunction with the Movie in the Park event. Hausman discussed the screen for the movie. The small screen is not available from the company used in the past. They have a larger

size, and would provide it at a good discount. Lathrup Village has used another company, but their price is higher. In the past, the cost for a 20' x 14' screen was \$995.00. The company referred by Lathrup Village has a 30' x 16' Truss screen for \$1,300. It is 6,000 lumens, blue ray. It was the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Board to go with the bigger screen with the new company referred by Lathrup Village.

The Board agreed that pre-popped popcorn and containers should be purchased. The popcorn and water would be given out free of charge. It was noted there is a lot of bottled water left over from Memorial Day that could be used.

Discussion followed regarding whether food trucks should be secured for the event. It was suggested that people be encouraged to bring a picnic.

Motion by Peddie, second by Kelly, to permit food trucks to be present on “Come Out and Play” Day.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Peddie, Abboud, Kelly, Mueller

Nays: Oen, Delaney

Motion passed (4 – 2).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

In response to a question from Peddie, the Parks and Recreation Board indicated they did not need anything from Council at this time.

Abboud thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for all their work and for hosting this meeting. He also suggested looking into getting Wi-Fi in the pavilion. He noted Thriveworks Counseling, a new business in the Village, had their ribbon cutting today.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, to cancel the Parks and Recreation Board meeting scheduled for August 20, 2015.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Hausman presented a suggestion, put forth by Cindy Arvant, to hold a campout at the park. Farmington Hills has had one every year for the last nine years. Ideas for the event included sponsors, demonstrations, a movie, hot dog dinner, and breakfast. Boy and Girl Scout troops could be invited. Attendees would pay for a site. It would be tents only, no bon fires. A parent or troop leader would have to be present. Hausman will pursue the campout idea further.

Ruprich expressed concern about the condition of the Erity Dam.

Davis discussed renting the park for her granddaughters' birthday. They loved the park, and she was proud of the great comments she heard.

Kondak presented a thank-you card received from Sue Bernard expressing her appreciation to the Board for their gift of a personalized paving brick.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.