

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

Absent: Greening

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall  
Councilmember Mueller

Chairperson Hausman called the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2016.**

Motion by Borgon, second by Kondak, that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, held on February 18, 2016, be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER GROVES MARCHING BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISER DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY CARNIVAL**

Sue Lamphere, Groves High School Band Booster representative, explained that the band is raising funds for a February 2017 trip to Walt Disney World. They will record music to animation and also march in a Disney parade. The band would like to have small groups play in Beverly Park following the parade, and they would like to have donation buckets set up for donations.

Hausman shared that they have decided to waive the 80/20 split on profits of the game booth for the band as a thank you for performing in the parade.

Kondak asked if the Marching Band could provide a trumpeter for the Memorial Ceremony.

Motion by Kondak, second by Borgon, that the Parks & Recreation Board authorizes the Groves High School Marching Band to have small groups perform and solicit donations at the 2016 Memorial Day Carnival.

Motion passed.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC CLUB TO RESERVE TENNIS COURTS AT BEVERLY PARK**

Cindy Hess of the Beverly Hills Athletic Club Tennis team approached the Board asking for permission from the Village for exclusive use of the tennis courts on a total of 22 specific dates during the months of June and July 2016.

Hausman stated that permission for this has been granted previously, and the Village has never had complaints about the courts being occupied.

Schmitt expressed concern that by giving exclusive rights to the tennis team, residents may not have availability of the courts for recreational play.

Motion by Borgon, second by Ruprich, that the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts on a limited basis to the Beverly Hills Athletic Club at the discretion of Village Administration.

Motion passed.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE BERKSHIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM TO RESERVE TENNIS COURTS AT BEVERLY PARK**

There was no representative from the Berkshire Middle School Boys Tennis Team present at the meeting. Per Marshall, their regular practice court is being resurfaced this spring and they need a space to practice.

Schmitt expressed concern that by giving exclusive rights to the tennis team, residents may not have availability of the courts for recreational play.

The Board discussed setting clear limitations on the availability offered to the team.

Motion by Kondak, second by Hausman, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, March 28, 2016 to May 25, 2016, to Berkshire Middle School Boys Tennis Team at the discretion of Village Administration.

Motion passed.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PAVILION FIREPLACE REPAIR**

The pavilion fireplaces at Beverly Park are in need of repair and the cooking grates need to be replaced. The brick on the front of the fireplace is pulling away from the chimney and bricks inside the firebox are cracked and decaying. Administration advertised for bids through the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) and four bids were received. The job should take two to three days to be completed.

Motion by Borgon, second by Ruprich, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council award the Beverly Park Fireplace Repair to Meridian Contracting of Washington, Michigan in the amount of \$4,945.00.

Motion passed.

**DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL**

Hausman reported that there are 12 confirmed participants in the parade. The equestrian unit has offered the Village a discount on their rate, and will stay after the parade with their horses in the parking lot. Coordinators are working on the pace of the parade. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the parade.

Hausman proposed Village resident Fred Steiner for Grand Marshal. Steiner is a 25 year resident of the Village. He enlisted in the Army in college and served in the Korean War. He was discharged as a staff sergeant. All members of the board were in agreement to have Fred Steiner as Grand Marshal.

Hausman reported that we have received \$2,700 in donations for this year's parade and carnival. The first round of inquiries has gone out for games and several groups have already committed including the Cub Scouts, Groves High School Band, and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Ruprich reported that there are several food trucks she has been in communication with, and should have a clearer picture of who will be involved by the April meeting. She will also speak to the Groves High School Marching Band to see if they are interested in selling canned soda and bottled water and keeping a percentage as part of their fundraising.

Borgon reported that the Village will use inflatables available through the Oakland County recreation grant program, and Galactic Transport will have several inflatables as well as rides including a rock wall, kiddie saucers, train, ferris wheel, and shuttlefly.

Kondak stated that there will be a draft of the ceremony available at the April meeting.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER PLANTING LOCATIONS FOR TREES**

The Village Council approved the purchase and planting of 20 trees at Beverly Park this spring. Various locations were discussed, including the east entrance of the park, the fence line north of the baseball diamond, west side of the playground, and near the bench to the east of the playground. There is a stump at the west end of the park that needs to be removed and trees added there.

It was suggested that the Board paint on the ground 10 blue and 10 orange spots to represent the 20 different trees scheduled to be put in thus helping to evaluate and mark their placement. The trees are scheduled to be planted in April. Kondak and Schmitt agreed to meet at the park and mark the proposed planting areas.

Mueller expressed concern about planting new trees in the large island of the parking lot due to possible damage to the pavement lot from the trees root systems.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEY FOR GROVES BAND BOOSTERS, PEDRYS, SHULLMAN, GANNON, AND BERNARDINI**

All applications were complete and approved.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

Mueller shared that Eagle Scout Nathaniel Abbott will be rebuilding the bridge in the park. There is a second Eagle Scout, Luke Mercer, who is looking for an Eagle Scout project, please forward any suggestions to Mueller.

Mueller relayed that Council member Abboud suggested the installation of three tall light posts along the north fence at Beverly Park on which flags could be flown. Abboud also suggested vinyl wraps on the trash cans in the park. The wraps would have Village imagery on them.

Council authorized administration to seek bids for a water bottle filling station at Beverly Park. The Parks & Recreation Board needs to decide what kind of water bottle filling station they are interested in before bids can be solicited. He suggested that this be presented to Council as a means to discourage people from using plastic water bottles and encourage them to use the reusable water bottles.

Council member Abboud has suggested the Village establish a Farmers Market. Since there is already a community garden on church property at the corner of 13 Mile and Evergreen, perhaps that would be an ideal location for the market. There are many factors for a successful market, one of the biggest will be ensuring the market is primarily food and plants, and does not end up with too many vendors.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Jason's Outdoor Services, LLC submitted a proposal for plant material at Beverly Park in the western island bed and along the sidewalk adjacent to the new fence. The juniper bushes in the western island parking lot will be removed and replaced with five Spirea plants. A new bed will be installed along the sidewalk south of the restroom building and three Spirea plants will be planted. The new bed is being installed to prevent vehicle traffic from driving into the park.

The new playground and exercise equipment for Beverly Park has been ordered.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.