

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Councilmember Mueller

Chairperson Hausman called the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

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

Borgon asked that the minutes be amended on page two, under the header “Park Improvements Update”, paragraph two, change “attach over” to “can replace”.

Motion by Davis, second by Borgon, that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, held on August 18, 2016, be approved as amended.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Mooney, Devonshire, commended the Board on their planning and execution of events at Beverly Park this season. She is thrilled to see that the workout equipment is being used, and the park has never looked better.

Jim Delaney, Riverside, suggested the installation of an awning or canopy over the sand box area. He expressed concern about the wear and tear of the weed trimmers on the fence in the park.

John Mooney, Devonshire, complimented the Board on the fantastic job they have done this season at Beverly Park. He shared that he loves the Art in the Park installment and sees people using the exercise equipment all the time. He suggested a tutorial on how to use the equipment be hosted, filmed and made available on the Village website. Mooney also commended the Park Rangers this season; in his opinion the park has never looked better.

RECAP OF MOVIE IN THE PARK

Hausman reported that in August the Village partnered with Kadima Services and co-hosted the movie night in the park showing of Inside Out. The event offered face painting, food trucks, and bounce houses. The Village received a letter from Kadima, thanking the Board for allowing them to share in hosting this year’s event. Kadima also apologized for any miscommunication regarding the advertising of the event, and they look forward to working with the Village in the future.

Ruprich arrived at 6:40 p.m.

It is difficult to assess if the partnership with Kadima resulted in higher movie attendance. The Board agreed that they could be open to working with Kadima in the future, but would need more communication on the publicity, and more help with clean-up.

DISCUSS NEW ATTRACTIONS AT BEVERLY PARK

Borgon presented the idea of a book event in the park. The event would be a read in the park event, paring with a local bookstore, and working with the schools as an opportunity to connect students with authors and encourage reading. This event has been done in Berkley, and Borgon has made arrangements to meet with their representative to gather more information.

Hausman reported that a second part of the event would be a “Storybook Trail” where pages of a book are printed in a large size and posted along the trail, and people are encouraged to follow the trail to read the story. Baldwin Library has expressed an interest in paring with the Board for a reading event. The Board brainstormed various components of this event including storytellers, authors, and an incentive program.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Mueller shared that he is looking forward to seeing the drinking fountain and ping pong table proposals being presented to Council. He thinks the new event sounds like a wonderful event and he is excited to see what comes next year. He expressed great satisfaction with the job Jason’s Outdoor Services has done in the park this year, and updated the Board that at the September 20, 2016 Council meeting he will be presenting a proposal to remove trees in the parking lot and replace them with nine locust trees.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall reported that resident Dan Piper called the Village office and complimented the disc golf course. She reported that new signs have been installed at the tennis courts. Janice Hausman and Pat Greenings names have been added to the Parks and Recreation appreciation plaque in the lobby of the Village office.

BOARD COMMENTS

Borgon reported that she continues to move forward with gathering information and pricing on the water bottle filling station. She also expressed an interest in having access to the Village social media accounts to allow for live updates to be made during events. Marshall agreed to speak with Village Manager Chris Wilson regarding this.

Davis expressed how lovely the Park has looked this year and her appreciation for all of the support that Council has shown the Board.

Goodrich arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Kondak reported that the memorial bricks have been installed, and he felt movie night went very well. He thanked Council members Mooney, Mueller, and Delaney for all the hands on work that they do in the upkeep of the park.

Goodrich offered his apologies for being late.

Schmitt thinks the watering bags used on the newly planted trees this summer made a huge difference. He thanked Council members for their compliments and reiterated that the support from them is what makes it all possible.

Hausman also thanked Council for all of their ongoing support. She reported that she spoke with a representative from the ping pong table company, and they suggested a concrete pad engineered for the climate in Michigan. They suggested a minimum of six inch thick pad that is sunk to be flush with the grass. Hausman agreed to assemble a quote outlining cost of cement pad, table, and installation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.