

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Chairperson Hausman called the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Southfield Township municipal building at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2016.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Borgon, that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, held on September 15, 2016, be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE REGARDING BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Paul Turner and Lloyd Diehl from the Beverly Hills Little League (BHLL) presented an overview of the work that has been previously funded by the BHLL. They explained that the current condition of the diamonds makes them unsafe to play on. They presented a quote from Worry Free Lawn Care of Royal Oak. The proposal includes a complete rake and clean out of rocks and debris from the fields, new clay brick in the pitching area, and the spreading, raking, and rolling of new limestone “diamond dust”. The proposal also includes maintenance for the diamonds which involves raking and edging along the grass line to prevent compaction and weed growth, ten times a season on both the north and south infields totaling \$5,000.

Moved by Schmitt, seconded by Kondak, that the Parks & Recreation Board recommend Council approval to allocate \$5,000 for ten treatments to both the north and south ball diamonds at Beverly Park during the 2017 baseball season to groom and maintain the infields and to review the commitment for future contracts.

Motion passed.

UPDATE ON READING EVENT IN BEVERLY PARK

Borgon met with the Berkley Library to learn more about their Reading in the Park event. They have authors who come and speak, local “celebrities” (ex: council members, principals) who read, characters in costumes, and face painting. The suggestion was to pair with a local book store and explore what authors might be available. Securing the authors is the first step.

The Board set a date of Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 1-4 p.m. for the Reading in the Park Event.

Hausman shared the feedback she received from librarians on the Storybook Trail. To set up a complete book, the Village would first have to purchase and install permanent book stands along the trail, then choose a book of approximately 15 pages with two page spreads. Once the stands were installed, the books could be changed out several times a year. The initial cost of the stands and installation would be about \$3,500. Hausman hopes to partner with the library for this project.

UPDATE ON NEW WATER FOUNTAIN IN BEVERLY PARK

Ruprich has sent specifications and photos seeking an installation quote, but has not received any feedback. A wall mounted fountain would not be installed until spring, so the hope is to have a full proposal prepared by that time.

UPDATE REGARDING PING PONG TABLE AT BEVERLY PARK

Hausman has sent out requests for detailed quotes including cement pad and installation, and hopes to have a detailed proposal prepared before Spring when installation could take place.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall stated that the new trees were planted in the park and are doing well. The pavilion lights are now on a timer and will stay on until 10 pm when the park closes. New pavilion rules signs have been installed. She contacted Miracle Midwest regarding a sandbox canopy, but does not have a recommendation at this time. Administration has moved into their newly renovated office, and demolition is scheduled to start on the Council Chamber, conference room and ladies restroom.

BOARD COMMENTS

Borgon suggested baseball field rules signs in keeping with other signs in the park. She reported no update on the Facebook access request.

Goodrich shared how much he enjoyed the DIA Inside/Out Art Flashlight Tour. He suggested that the island in Riverside Park be made more accessible.

Hausman reported the Art Park Flashlight Tour was successful with a nice turn out. It reached a different demographic than those who usually visit the park. The Inside/Out display will be taken down the first week of November, but has been a very successful event. Jason's Outdoor Services did a wonderful job on the landscaping and maintenance of the park this season.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.