

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2019 - PAGE 1

Present: Chairperson Borgon; Members: Bresnahan, Hausman, Kondak, Ruprich, and Schmitt

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Goodrich

Also Present: Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Council Liaison, Mueller

Chairperson Borgon called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Beverly Park Pavilion located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Kondak, second by Hausman, to elect Molly Borgon as the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion passed (6-0)

Motion by Hausman, second by Schmitt, to elect Matt Goodrich as the Vice-Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion Passed (6-0)

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2019

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the minutes of the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on June 20, 2019 be approved.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT

Jason Gross was in attendance to provide updates on the Halloween Hoot and volunteered to help organize the event. He discussed the option of purchasing Halloween Hoot t-shirts and sweaters to sell at the event. The Board suggested tabling that decision to the next meeting. The Board members and Mr. Gross discussed sending letters to donors and to organizations that would be interested in setting up a booth at the event. They discussed purchasing pumpkins, cider, donuts, and decorations. They also discussed having a storyteller, a magician, and Creepy Clyde at Halloween Hoot.

DISCUSS READ IN THE PARK

Chairperson Borgon provided an update on the Read in the Park event which is scheduled to take place at 1:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Beverly Park. The Book Beat will be on site to sell books for signing. Member Bresnahan confirmed she could attend the event. Chairperson Borgon will follow up on the folding chairs.

DISCUSS FALL TREE PLANTING

Hausman inquired about the buckthorn clean up. Council Liaison Mueller gave an update on the trees in the park. The trees from the previous planting did not have a warranty and the dead evergreen tree would be removed. In regards to the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance Tree Planting Grant, Mueller suggested using the matching funds to pay for equipment. The other \$1000.00 must be used for purchase of trees. Schmitt emphasized the importance of watering the new trees. Borgon suggested having a tree subcommittee meeting in the upcoming weeks. The Board selected Saturday, October 5, 2019 as a tentative Park Clean Up Day.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADDING JASON GROSS AND MIKE WEINER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION RECOGNITION PLAQUE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BEVERLY PARK

A Parks and Recreation Recognition Plaque hangs in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building acknowledging many people and organizations who have contributed to the parks.

Recently, both Jason Gross and Mike Weiner have made considerable contributions to Beverly Park for which the Village is extremely grateful. Mr. Gross donated his time and professional equipment to plant fourteen trees at Beverly Park. Mr. Weiner has volunteered his time and professional equipment to aid in the buckthorn clean up and chipping services. It is recommended that each of their names be added to the plaque.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends Village Administration add Jason Gross and Mike Weiner to the Parks and Recreation Recognition Plaque for their contributions to Beverly Park.

Motion passed.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Rutkowski reported that a broken piece of playground equipment has been ordered and will be replaced soon. She provided an update on the recent painting tasks the Park Rangers have completed including: the sled hill fence, disc golf posts, dugouts, garbage cans, and lost-and-found pole. She stated that the Eagle Scout bench project was in the works. She reported on the urban deer management workshop and the SEMCOG University seminar on invasive species that she attended. She also reported that the Village recently joined the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (OC CISMA) and that she attended the August Steering Committee meeting. Rutkowski thanked those who attended the Council meeting on August 6, 2019 where Council honored Irene Davis with the title of Parks and Recreation Board Emerita. She informed the Board that part of the resolution instructed administration to plant a flowering tree in Ms. Davis' name. Rutkowski also stated that the 2020 calendar project would be beginning soon, so the Board will have to select dates for events at their September meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

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The Board members welcomed Sara Bresnahan and congratulated her on her appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Schmitt thanked Rutkowski for revisiting the CISMA. He also thanked the Park Rangers for their work on the lost-and-found pole.

Hausman provided an update on the refreshed storybook trail. 16 of the 18 posts are complete. She also reported that she planted flowers in the log planter. She is researching different grants and once a new grant becomes available, she will forward the application to administration.

Kondak reported that there is poison ivy along the trail.

Bresnahan thanked the Board and said she is excited to be a new member.

Borgon thanked Council for honoring Irene Davis with a plaque and presented pictures of Beverly Park that Irene had given to her.

PRESENTATION BY IRULAN HRYDZIUSZKO

Irulan Hrydziuszko presented the Board with a \$42.00 donation for the Beverly Park Tree Fund. The money was raised from sales at a lemonade stand.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends Village Administration deposit the generous donation received by Irulan Hrydziuszko and friends in the amount of \$42.00 into the Beverly Park Tree Fund (Account 101-000-675.15).

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CHANGING THE MEETING TIME OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING TO 6:30 PM

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hausman, to change the time of the September 19, 2019 Parks and Recreation Board meeting from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.