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Present: Vice Chairperson Goodrich; Members: Bresnahan, Kondak, Ross, and Ruprich

Absent: Chairperson Borgon; Member: Hausman

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

Vice Chairperson Goodrich called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Beverly Park Pavilion located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Goodrich moved item #4 Public Comments to the top of the agenda with no objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Reemer, 18604 Devonshire, spoke about the bike path in the woods at Beverly Park.

Terrence Metz, 18350 Riverside, spoke about the bike path in the woods at Beverly Park.

The consensus among the Parks and Recreation Board was that any further alterations to the bike path need to come before the Board for consideration first.

APPOINT CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Goodrich opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Motion by Ruprich, second by Ross, to elect Molly Borgon as the Parks & Recreation Board Chairperson.

Motion passed (5-0)

APPOINT VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Goodrich opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Ruprich, second by Ross, to elect Matt Goodrich as the Parks & Recreation Board Vice Chairperson.

Motion passed (5-0)

APPROVE MINUTES OF A PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2020

Motion by Ruprich, second by Kondak, to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on June 18, 2020.

Motion passed (5-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE ROEPER SCHOOL TO HOLD CROSS COUNTRY MEETS AT BEVERLY PARK ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 AND OCTOBER 13, 2020

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Administration received a request from the Roeper School's Athletic Department to hold two Cross Country meets at Beverly Park on Thursday, September 3, 2020 and Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Both events would begin at 4:30 p.m. Less than 100 people would be in attendance for the events. The request includes spray painting portions of the grass to outline the track. The school is not requesting use of the pavilion. The dates do not interfere with other events at the park.

Motion by Kondak, second by Bresnahan, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends approval of the Roeper School's request to hold Cross Country meets at Beverly Park on September 3, 2020 and October 13, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. provided that all social distancing guidelines are followed.

Motion passed (5-0)

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT

Goodrich read comments submitted by Borgon stating that she does not want to cancel the event and offering suggestions on social distancing. Goodrich agreed with Borgon's comments.

Bresnahan agreed that aspects of the event would need to be changed in light of coronavirus, but she does not want to cancel the event.

Ross concurred that if the event is held this year, it will look different than in previous years due to coronavirus.

The Board would like to discuss safe ways to hold the Halloween Hoot at the September meeting.

DISCUSS RIVERSIDE PARK LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Rutkowski stated that there are two flowerbeds at Riverside Park in bad shape that need to be restored or removed.

Ross would like native flowers to remain in the flowerbeds.

Bresnahan will contact the County, MSU Extension, and/or nurseries to discuss options for revitalizing the flowerbeds at Riverside Park.

DISCUSS BUCKTHORN ERADICATION PROJECT

Rutkowski stated that the buckthorn eradication contract with Natural Community Services will expire at the end of 2020. Administration is seeking a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Board on next steps to present to Council.

The Board members discussed the need to continue eradication efforts at Beverly Park. They also discussed the need for restoration and long-term maintenance. The Board was in agreeance that the project would need to go out to bid.

Ross would like the specific space or zones identified in the bid specifications.

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Goodrich would like to include more detail in the next bid specifications and include areas around the fence line, tennis courts, and sled hills.

The Board would like to discuss the scope of work, measures of success, and bid specifications further at the next meeting.

DISCUSS BEVERLY PARK LANDSCAPING

The Board discussed planting wildflowers and native plant seeds in the northwest side of Beverly Park and in the area between the playground and trail.

Goodrich would like to see a few more trees planted in the area being discussed.

Mueller would like to see a meadow and more trees planted in the park in the northwest corner or possibly near the sled hill.

Kondak provided an update on the ReLeaf grant tree planting. Holes will need to be dug in advance that are 36 inches wide and 24 inches deep. He suggested staking the trees and using the water bag/donuts once they are planted to increase their chances of survival.

The Board discussed October 17, October 18, and November 1 as possible dates for the community tree planting event.

DISCUSS ESTABLISHING MEMORIAL/PLAQUE GUIDELINES

If plaques are placed at the parks, the Board requested they be standardized or more uniform and suggested they require Village or Board approval prior to placement. The Board did not want to see plaques that are larger than a standard brick.

Motion by Ruprich, second by Ross, all plaques placed in the parks require prior Village approval and must adhere to standard size limits.

Motion passed (5-0)

DISCUSS FUTURE EVENT IDEAS

Bresnahan suggested a Village wide scavenger hunt and possibly having a beautification award.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mueller stated that the upcoming millage renewal is a high priority and details will be discussed further at upcoming Council meetings. He emphasized that it is a millage rate renewal, so residents will not be paying a higher rate than they have been paying for the last ten years. He stated the passing of the millage renewal is critical for the parks and library services.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Rutkowski told the Board that a touchless hand sanitizer station was installed at the Beverly Park pavilion. She thanked Park Ranger, Luke Mercer, for all of his hard work this summer. The Villager Newsletter is now available to view on the website and will be arriving in mailboxes soon.

BOARD COMMENTS

Kondak commented on two dead oak trees in Beverly Park. He thanked Luke Mercer and all the Park Rangers for their hard work over the summer.

Ruprich welcomed Ross to the Board. She said she is looking forward to planning events again.

Bresnahan welcomed Ross and thanked the Park Rangers for their hard work.

Goodrich thanked Rutkowski for her work on the parks. He thanked the Rangers for their work every summer, especially on the woodchip path. He also thanked Council member Mooney for volunteering his time at Beverly Park. He encouraged residents to volunteer for the upcoming community tree planting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.