

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 - PAGE 1

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

Absent: Member: Kondak

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

Chairperson Borgon called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Beverly Park Pavilion located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2020

Motion by Bresnahan, second by Ruprich to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on August 20, 2020.

Motion passed (4-0)

Ross arrived at 7:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nolan Lamphere, 17127 Beechwood, presented an Eagle Scout project proposal to the Board. He proposed constructing and installing 13 bat houses and 2 barn owl houses at Beverly Park.

Motion by Hausman, second by Ruprich, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council approve Nolan Lamphere's Eagle Scout project proposal to build bat houses and owl houses at Beverly Park.

Motion passed (5-0)

Rob Wilker, 31320 Churchill, addressed the Board about creating a dog park in Beverly Hills.

DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT

Trish Oen, Verona Circle, Volunteer Event Organizer, was present and commented that other nearby cities have canceled their Halloween events. She said some of the participants from previous years indicated to her that if the event was held, they would not be participating this year.

The Board discussed several ways to host a modified Halloween Hoot safely due to coronavirus concerns. Some of the suggestions included: a longer event time, so less people were at the park at once; a requirement to sign up for a specific time slot; prepackaged candy/goody bags; entering at the pavilion and exiting at Allerton; no pavilion activities; social distancing; mask requirement regardless of the costume; staying in vehicles/drive-thru event in the parking lot; decorated car parade; a drive thru event at an alternate location, such as a local school; and a light/decoration festival. The Board considered costs, traffic control, the timing, volunteers, whether to pass out candy, and a different event name. Hausman offered to reach out to

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Birmingham Public Schools about the possibility of hosting a Halloween event at the Groves parking lot.

DISCUSS ADDITIONS TO THE DIRT BIKE TRAIL AT BEVERLY PARK

Borgon read Goodrich's comments that stated he preferred using native and natural materials to maintain the trail; to which Borgon and Hausman agreed.

The Board discussed the general maintenance of the trail and in general found no need to expand the bike trail at this point.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER MEETING DATES AND SPECIAL EVENT DATES FOR
2021**

Each year the Parks and Recreation Board must set a meeting schedule and post the dates to the public. The Board must also select dates for the 2021 special events. All of these dates will be published in the 2021 Village Calendar. A draft schedule was presented to the Board.

2021 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Schedule

Meets at 7:30 pm in the Council Chamber in winter and fall

18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Meets at the Beverly Park Pavilion May - September

18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

(unless otherwise noted)

January 21 (Joint Council/Parks & Rec)

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19 (6:30 PM)

September 16 (6:30 PM)

October 21

November 18

2021 Special Events

Saturday, May 15 – Park Clean Up

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day Parade and Carnival

Friday, June 4 – Concert in the Park

Friday, July 16 – Concert in the Park

Thursday, August 19 – Movie in the Park

Saturday, September 18 – Read in the Park

Saturday, October 23 – Halloween Hoot

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Motion by Hausman, second by Bresnahan, the Village of Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board hereby approves the 2021 meeting schedule and special events schedule set forth above.

Motion passed (5-0)

DISCUSS BUCKTHORN ERADICATION PROJECT

Borgon commented that she would like to see some of the fallen debris left on the floor of the wooded area of Beverly Park in its natural state.

The Board discussed adding two more zones to the original buckthorn eradication proposal, for a total of four zones, with the intention of removing the buckthorn from the entire park.

The Board discussed potentially going to out to bid or using Oakland County's invasive species removal contractor for the project. Rutkowski will follow up regarding those options.

Goodrich arrived at 8:40 p.m.

DISCUSS FUTURE EVENT IDEAS

Hausman said she will submit the application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside/Out Program and add the "Paint in the Park" idea to the application per Bresnahan's suggestion.

Hausman reminded the Board that the ReLeaf tree planting was scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m., but she would not be able to attend. The Board discussed creating a sign-up form and Hausman offered to reach out to ReLeaf to see if they are working on that.

Borgon and Bresnahan would like to have a scavenger hunt in the village.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Mueller encouraged everyone to read the September 1st and September 15th Council meeting minutes for more information on the proposed millage renewal.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Rutkowski reported that an invasive species called Japanese knotweed was identified at Riverside Park. Rutkowski will nominate Beverly Hills to receive an invasive species removal demonstration through the OC CISMA.

BOARD COMMENTS

Bresnahan gave an update on the wildflowers at Riverside Park. She contacted nurseries, but they only have seeds left and recommended doing the planting next spring.

Hausman asked about the fence along Beverly Road. Rutkowski reported that the fencing style was no longer manufactured, so the company is looking into alternatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.