

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 2000 - PAGE 1

Present: Chairperson Schmitt; Vice-Chairperson Greening; Members:, Davis, Harmon, Mooney and O'Reilly

Absent: Cobleigh

Also Present: Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka  
Council Liaison, Stearn

Chairperson Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2000**

MOTION by O'Reilly, supported by Mooney, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on September 21, 2000 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2000**

MOTION by Harmon, supported by Greening, that the minutes of a special Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on September 28, 2000 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2000**

MOTION by Mooney, supported by Greening, that the minutes of a special Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on October 12, 2000 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Howard Knorr of 18875 Bedford voiced his objection to one part of the park master plan, which is the asphalt paving of the parking lot. He has been working with the Friends of the Rouge organization for a number of years to help accomplish this. Among the things that they hope to accomplish is to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces pushing water into the Rouge. Impervious surfaces includes roads, roofs, sidewalks, and parking lots.

Impervious surfaces feed water directly into the Rouge and add to flash floods as well as reduce the water quality by washing everything off the surface into the storm drain that discharges into the river. Knorr related that Beverly Hills is ahead of other communities in fulfilling the mandate. The Village has initiated a program of disconnecting down spouts from the sewer system. He added that what is done in the communities in this area affects the communities downstream from us.

Knorr objects to paving the parking lot because it is 1.25 acres of impervious surface that will add to the flash flooding in the Rouge and wash whatever drops off cars into the river. He maintains that there are alternatives to paving, some of which are expensive and others that are not that costly. Knorr has begun to investigate the alternatives. He advised the board of a company in Birmingham that has a process for applying a permanent surface that is worth investigating. He asked the board to consider the alternatives that would cause less damage to the environment.

Knorr was informed that the parking lot paving will be engineered to retain runoff from the parking lot in the park. In addition, storm water restrictors will be placed on the storm drains to prevent ground water from entering the sewer system too quickly and possibly overflow into basements.

Board members affirmed their support for the Friends of the Rouge and indicated that they would be interested in looking at alternative methods for paving the parking lot.

#### **GRANT APPLICATION STATUS**

Pasieka related that the Village has had confirmation that the grant application was received by the Department of Natural Resources. If Beverly Hills is to be considered for a grant, the Village will receive a contact from DNR representatives indicating that they made a personal site visit to the park. Pasieka will contact the office of the grant administrator for any information available at this point.

#### **FOLLOW UP ON MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Mooney will call a meeting of the ballot proposal committee for Beverly Park after the Halloween Hoot for the purpose of organizing a group of volunteers to assist with the petition drive.

#### **DISCUSS PARK PAVILION RENTAL RATES**

Pasieka distributed copies of a report prepared from a pavilion rental survey conducted by the Village staff. Seventeen communities were questioned about their policies regarding pavilion rentals. Pasieka noted that there are a lot of variations in the information received. He asked board members to review the material for discussion at the next meeting.

Pasieka mentioned that there is an opportunity to make contact with everyone who makes application to reserve the park pavilion. The survey form and the pavilion reservation forms can include information on how to help with the park or become involved with parks and recreation.

Greening asked if the Village must include non-residents in its pavilion rental. She noted from the survey that there are six communities in the area that have a resident-only policy.

Pasieka stated that Beverly Park pavilion reservations are accepted one month earlier for residents than for non-residents, and the rates are higher for non-residents to use the park facilities. Pasieka was asked to investigate whether non-residents could be excluded from reserving the pavilion.

Schmitt remarked that the Village had problems last year with very large groups using the park, particularly with the amount of trash generated. The Village is not charging enough to cover the cost

of extra trash pick up on weekends. He thinks that large groups should be required to pay for trash pick up and contribute to maintenance of facilities.

Pasieka stated that rates would have to be changed at this time of the year to be published in the calendar and go into effect next year. Board members suggested that current fee information be omitted from the 2001 calendar in order for the board to revise the rate schedule for next year. The calendar could note that residents should call the Village office for rate information.

#### **FOLLOW-UP ON HALLOWEEN HOOT**

The Halloween Hoot will take place in Beverly Park on Sunday, October 22. Topping and gutting of pumpkins will be from 10 until 12 pm. Greening stated that help is needed from anyone who would like to volunteer. She noted that the Halloween Hoot was advertised on the front page of today's Eccentric newspaper. That publicity and the mild weather may bring out record crowds.

Children will arrive to carve pumpkins from noon to 2 pm. The pumpkins are lit and placed around the path in the evening. Children come at about 6 pm to walk through the haunted forest. There will be refreshments and entertainment in the pavilion.

#### **DISCUSS ARTICLE FOR 4th QUARTER VILLAGER NEWSLETTER**

O'Reilly has volunteered to write an article for the 4th quarter Villager newsletter. It should be submitted to Pasieka before November 10.

#### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Pasieka stated that administration and members of this board attended two meetings in the area on Tax Proposal A, which is a proposed half-mill property tax for Oakland and Wayne counties for 10 years for regional cultural organizations and local arts and recreation groups. Beverly Hills is expected to receive \$70,676 from this funding plan if it is passed.

Pasieka related two fund raising ideas that have come to his attention. He recently attended an International City Managers Association conference and learned of a vendor who sells personalized design products that could be produced using the Village logo. In addition to this, a local resident has created a desktop calendar featuring photographs of public spaces in Beverly Hills to be used for fund raising purposes. Pasieka related the specifics of this item.

Schmitt asked Pasieka if the Village has a position on Proposal 2. It is a proposal to amend the Constitution to require a super majority vote (2/3 vote) of the State Legislature to enact certain laws affecting local governments.

Pasieka responded that the Village feels that Proposal 2 is about home rule and should be passed. It is the Constitutional right for local elected officials to enact laws based on the particular needs of their community.

Pasieka informed the board of an Eagle Scout project completed by Paul Mansoor. He has sanded and applied a protective sealer to 15 picnic tables in the Beverly Park pavilion. The tables look very good.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

A few board members thanked the four Council members who supported a vote to place a park millage proposal on the ballot.

Schmitt thanked Greening for all the work she is doing on the Halloween Hoot.

Mooney thanked Pasieka for mailing out such well written thank-you notes for the buy-a-brick program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Phillip Schmitt, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall  
Village Clerk**