

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
Council Member, Downey

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

APPROVE MNUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2001

MOTION by O'Reilly, supported by Mooney, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 15, 2001 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Greening of 19298 Riverside Drive congratulated the Friends to Improve Beverly Park group for conducting a very professional campaign to pass the park millage.

MILLAGE UPDATE

The park dedicated millage was approved by the electorate at the Monday, March 12 Village Election. Schmitt expressed the board's gratitude to the citizens who voted to improve Beverly Park.

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Pasieka stated that he sent a letter to the DNR Program Manager in Lansing, Linda Hegstrom, on March 5 requesting approval from the Grants Administration Division for the Village to incur costs for the preparation of the plans, specifications and bid documents for improvements to Beverly Park. On March 12 Pasieka received a phone call from Hegstrom, who indicated that the Village could not be given permission to proceed at this time. She advised him to check with her periodically with the Village's request to incur costs associated with the preparation of plans.

CONSTRUCTION SIGN UPDATE

Pasieka will contact David Jensen before retaining another party to assemble a construction sign to be displayed at the entrance of Beverly Park. Council has authorized the expenditure of up to \$200 for this sign.

PAVILION RENTAL RATES

The board is in receipt of a memo dated January 18, 2001 from Pasieka outlining suggestions for park pavilion rental rates. The Village needs to generate revenue to cover the cost of accommodating large groups that rent the pavilion. An increase in pavilion rental rates would

help recoup the cost of trash pickup, particularly on weekends when there are consecutive groups using the pavilion. Pasieka is recommending an increase in the pavilion rental rates for non-residents that would go into effect on April 4, which is the date when reservations are accepted from non-residents. The rate schedule attached to the memo shows that the new rates will increase at an hourly increment of \$10 for groups of 51-100 and \$5 for groups over 100. This increase is only for non-resident groups.

The board discussed how to adjust the fee schedule to recover expenses for park maintenance related to pavilion rental. Pasieka suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board should review its strategy for park pavilion rental at the end of this season.

There was some support for waiving pavilion rental fees for Village service groups such as the Village Woman's Club, Garden Clubs, Lion's Club, homeowner groups, etc. Park opening and closing fees would be charged for these groups. Administration suggested considering this at the end of this year for initiation next season.

MOTION by Davis, supported by Mooney, to recommend that Council adopt administration's recommendations for park pavilion rates for non-residents effective in April, 2001.

Motion passes unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Stearn congratulated the Parks and Recreation Board, Friends to Improve Beverly Park, and everybody in the Village for improvements that will be made in the park.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka commented that he has received confirmation that the showmobile has been reserved for three concert dates in Beverly Park this year. The Birmingham Concert Band will perform in August. Mooney is organizing the entertainment for the June and July dates. Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjacks will be featured at one of the concerts.

BOARD COMMENTS

Davis congratulated Todd Stearn and Doyle Downey for their re-election to the Council. She thanked the residents who voted for the park millage.

Harmon commented that the board has much planning to do with respect to capital improvement projects in the park. He suggested having an idea session at the next meeting.

Greening congratulated everyone involved in passing the park millage.

Schmitt thanked Todd Stearn for serving as Council liaison to this board for the past two years and being a real advocate of the Parks and Recreation Board.

O'Reilly joined the board in congratulating the two incumbents on their election to Council. He extended congratulations to Dave Domzal who will be joining the Council. O'Reilly

congratulated the Friends to Improve Beverly Park and everyone in the Village for the large turnout at the Election and support for the park.

Mooney congratulated the newly elected Council members. She also congratulated the members of the Friends to Improve Beverly Park for a job well done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**