

Present: Chairperson Schmitt; Vice-Chairperson Greening; Members: Davis, Harmon, Nelson and Wilms

Absent: O'Reilly

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy
Assistant to the Manager, Pasioka
Council liaison, Woodrow
Council member, Mooney

Chairperson Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. He noted that O'Reilly is out of town due to a death in the family. His absence is excused.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION by Wilms, seconded by Harmon, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on April 18, 2002 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

RECOMMEND DISPOSITION OF INFORMATION BOOTH

It was the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Board to request that administration have the information booth removed from Beverly Park.

MOTION by Nelson, seconded by Davis, to ask that Village administration remove the information booth at Beverly Park and return the "Kids for Beverly Park" poster to Beverly School.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Murphy related that the base course of the parking lot has been installed and will be in reasonable shape for the Memorial Day Carnival in the park. The play equipment installation is in progress. Arrangements have been made to replace a section of the play structure that did not conform with the approved plan. The weather has been causing delays, but progress is being made.

The contractor dropped off samples of the brick to be used on the pillars at the new entranceway. Murphy asked Board members for their input on the selection.

Board members discussed various aspects of the park improvements. Questions and comments on the construction were addressed by Murphy.

REPORT ON MAY 11 PARK CLEANUP

Harmon reported that the park cleanup held on Saturday, May 11 went well with approximately 75-100 people in attendance. There were less bags of debris than usual, which suggests that people are taking care of the park. Schmitt thanked Harmon for organizing the event again this year.

CONCERTS UPDATE

Greening reported that entertainment for the June and August concerts has been booked. She is meeting with people in the next few days to confirm a group for the July concert. The Red Garter Band will perform at the Sunday, June 23 grand opening ceremony and concert in Beverly Park.

PARK CEREMONIES AT JUNE 23 CONCERT

A flyer publicizing the opening ceremonies has been inserted in the Villager newsletter that was mailed to all residents. Greening reported on plans for the event. She will assign duties to Board members at next month's meeting.

BRICK SALE UPDATE

Davis reported on the number of personalized bricks sold and ordered for the new park entranceway. She will check on the shipment date so that it coordinates with the construction timetable. Pasieka related that the contractor will get in touch with those individuals concerned with the positioning of the personalized bricks.

GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

Pasieka reported that a grant application for Baseball Tomorrow funds is in progress. O'Reilly is providing data necessary for completing the application. There is no further information available on the status of the grant application submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund for improvements to the pond area of Beverly Park.

COMPOST UPDATE

The Parks and Recreation Board at its April meeting recommended that administration reconsider its decision not to dispense free compost this year at a site in the Village. Pasieka reaffirmed that administration has no plans to provide compost at a location in the Village. Arrangements have been made for Beverly Hills residents, who would like to obtain free compost from SOCRRA, to pick compost up at the Rochester Hills facility. Administration is considering sites for compost distribution next year and would welcome suggestions from the Board.

Murphy stated that there was concern about locating the compost pile in the Beverly Park parking lot because it would wash into the drainage system during heavy rains. Consideration is being given to storing compost on the municipal site. He asked if there are other places that the Board thinks would be appropriate for dispensing compost.

Board members recommended using the DPW area of the municipal site. It was suggested that compost distribution could be regulated somewhat at that location. Murphy stated that the

Village has submitted a grant application to refurbish the entire DPW site. A compost area will be designated following modifications to the site with or without grant money.

CONSIDER NEW ENTRANCE FOR DOUGLAS EVANS

The Parks and Recreation Board has suggested replacing the existing gate at Douglas Evans nature preserve with a more pedestrian friendly and aesthetic entrance. Murphy will follow up on this proposal.

REVIEW LARGE GROUP SURVEY FOR 6-27-02

There were no objections from the Board to the large group event planned for June 27 in Beverly Park.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Woodrow had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire thanked those responsible for moving established trees to a new location before constructing the new playground area. She displayed a photograph of one of the transplanted trees on the day it was planted during the Village's Sesquicentennial celebration.

In answer to an inquiry, Mike Bay of 31255 Downing was informed that no additional lighting is proposed as part of the park improvements. There is an overhead light between the pond and the sledding hill and a light to the east near Allerton. It was noted that the park closes at 10 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka reported that the Village has received 11 donations totaling \$420 towards the Friends of Beverly Park in remembrance of Bob Nichols.

Pasieka related that necessary ball diamond repairs were made prior to opening day in Beverly Park. Volunteers from the baseball leagues assisted with some of the work.

The summer Villager newsletter was mailed to all residents.

BOARD COMMENTS

Davis commented on the successful Park Clean Up on May 11. All Parks and Recreation Board members were present, and Hugh Woodrow was present from the Village Council.

Greening stated that she is sorry that Council did not allocate funds in the 2002/03 budget for future improvements to Beverly Park. She hopes that Council will consider a capital allocation to the park in next year's budget. Greening invited Council members to attend the Beverly Park grand opening ceremonies on June 23.

Greening stated in response to a previous comment about upgrading the grill in the park pavilion that the existing grates are stainless steel and could be bent back into shape.

Schmitt expressed pleasure with the parking lot paving in Beverly Park.

Harmon commented that Lillian Dean from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority oversees a group that has been working on a garden at Riverside Park, which will alleviate erosion on the side of the road. She hopes to have a design and plan in place to present to the Board at its next meeting.

Schmitt observed that the grill at Riverside Park is in a state of disrepair. He questioned whether it should be removed. Other Board members indicated that the grill gets used.

Nelson commented that it is unfortunate that the Village has to spend extra money to replace a section of the play structure that was installed in error. Wilms agreed with his comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton questioned the status of the parking lot paving. He was informed that the asphalt base course has been installed and the second coat will be installed after Memorial Day. Murphy will follow up on the question of when the lot will be available for use.

Pynnonen asked the Board for permission to attach a sign to the Allerton street sign that would direct people to use the Beverly Park parking lot and dissuade them from parking on Allerton for park or baseball field use during the summer. He was informed that the Village Council would be the proper forum for his request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

Susan Bernard, Recording Secretary