

Present: Vice-Chairperson Greening; Members: Davis, Harmon, Nelson, O'Reilly and Wilms

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy
Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka
Council liaison, Woodrow
Council member, Schmitt and Mooney

Vice-Chairperson Greening called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Davis, seconded by Harmon, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on May 16, 2002 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Greening opened the floor to nominations for chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Davis nominated Pat Greening as chair and Tammy Wilms as vice-chairperson. There were no further nominations. Greening and Wilms were elected as chair and vice-chair by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton stated that residents of Allerton Drive are concerned about the detention pond in the park across the street from their homes. A detention basin should be designed to hold water for a period of time before draining by means of a pipe. Pynnonen has observed that the detention basin is never dry. Area residents are concerned that standing water will breed mosquitoes. He would like to be sure that the detention pond is operating as it should before construction is complete.

Murphy will follow up on this with Public Services Director Spallasso.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Pasieka commented that the Board can see the progress that has been made in the park. He explained the reason for a few taped off areas in the playground area. The contractor is expected to complete the landscaping and hydro-seeding soon. The final capping of the parking lot is expected to take place next week. The iron work arches for the entranceway are in progress and are expected to be ready in the fall. The engraved paving bricks will be shipped on June 28 and will arrive in Beverly Park no later than the end of the first week in July. The bricks will be installed shortly thereafter. Pasieka addressed questions from board members.

Murphy stated that the second phase of the park construction project will be improvements to the sledding hill. He distributed copies of a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark to perform survey and topographic work, prepare construction documents, and assist with the bidding phase of the sled hill improvements proposed this fall. Construction plans are needed to go out for bids on the project. The total cost of the engineering work will be \$8,300.

Murphy asked the Parks and Recreation Board to consider a recommendation to Council to authorize Hubbell, Roth & Clark to proceed with the topographic work and preparation of construction documents. He informed them that Summit Transport, the contractor for phase one, has expressed interest in considering a Change Order to do the sled hill work. This would enable the Village to have the work done before winter.

Wilms understands that money being spent on engineering fees was not anticipated in the initial cost estimates for the park improvement project. The original intent was to do much of the construction oversight for the project in house. It was later suggested to proceed with a construction manager program to implement the park improvement projects.

Questions from Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton regarding sled hill improvements were addressed by the Board and Murphy.

Motion by O'Reilly, seconded by Davis, to recommend that Council approve the proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark as outlined in its letter of June 18, 2002 to prepare plans and specifications for the sled hill project for an amount not to exceed \$8,300.

Motion passed unanimously.

In answer to an inquiry about watering the new plantings, Murphy stated that the contractor is required to keep the landscaping sufficiently irrigated. There is a one-year warrantee on all plant material. In addition, Chuck Comeau has been asked to take care of any plantings that need attention.

It was questioned whether there is a drinking fountain planned for the playground area. There is not. There is a drinking fountain in the pavilion and a fountain proposed in the area of the ball diamonds.

The damage to the base course of the parking lot paving caused by heavy trucks is due to drainage problems. Under drains were installed to correct the situation. The contractor will restore the base before the top course is laid.

JUNE 23 CEREMONY AND CONCERTS UPDATE

Greening outlined preparations for the Sunday, June 23 park reopening celebration and concert in Beverly Park. Assignments to Board members were discussed. It was noted that the Lions Club will be distributing hot dogs to people. Hubbell, Roth & Clark has offered to make cotton candy for everyone. The YMCA staff will be conducting the games. The party starts at 5 p.m.; Greening asked Board members to be in the park about 4 p.m. to set up. The concert begins a 7 p.m.

Pasieka mentioned that a resident asked about the financing of the event. Greening emphasized that everything has been donated. There is no money coming from the Village's budget with the exception of the money allocated for concerts in the park.

BRICK SALES UPDATE

Davis reported on bricks sold since the last meeting. She will have purchase forms available at Sunday's event in Beverly Park.

Phyllis Lauer of 31965 Alden Court, who was in charge of brick sales before Davis took over, was present. She expressed disappointment that the personalized bricks that she sold over the past three years have not been delivered and laid in the walkway in time for the reopening ceremony. Delivery should have been requested two months prior to June 23.

Greening commented that a mistake was made. The Parks and Recreation Board will make it know that it is not Lauer's responsibility that the brick walkway is not completed. The Board appreciates everything that Lauer has done to sell bricks to raise money for park improvements.

GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE

Pasieka reported that the Village received a letter from the State regarding the grant application for the pond area informing us that there will be further study of the grant applications before grant awards are announced.

Pasieka will complete the Baseball Tomorrow grant application with O'Reilly's assistance and submit it next week. These grant funds would be used for improvements to the ball diamonds in Beverly Park.

Pasieka informed the Board that the Village sent its first reimbursement letter to the State of Michigan in order to receive CMI grant money for current park improvements.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka stated that \$625 was donated to the Friends of Beverly Park from 18 contributors in memory of Bob Nichols. Pasieka will be in contact with Mrs. Nichols about the use of this contribution.

Council will consider a resolution at its next meeting at the suggestion of O'Reilly recognizing July as National Recreation and Parks month.

Pasieka thanked Schmitt for the pleasure of working with him on Parks and Recreation Board matters during the last five years and wished him the best on Council.

BOARD COMMENTS

Wilms congratulated Schmitt on his appointment to Council and wished him luck. Schmitt has done a lot for this park and for the community.

Wilms related that people have been expressing their concerns to her about the YMCA camp use of the park in the summer. It appears that moms who live in the community avoid coming to Beverly Park while the campers are here for the main reason that they are poorly supervised by the counselors.

Wilms contacted the Birmingham YMCA to learn how many camp participants are Beverly Hills residents. Linda Brooks, Senior Program Director, estimated that 30%-40% of the campers are Beverly Hills residents. Wilms asked that Board members remain aware of this concern and consider addressing the YMCA use of the park for its summer camp at some point.

Board members discussed the YMCA use of the park. It was decided to place this topic on the agenda for the July or August meeting for further consideration.

Pasieka provided background on summer camp activities in the park. He thinks that this Board could make a policy recommendation to discontinue the use of Beverly Park for the YMCA camp or place more restrictions on its use of the park.

O'Reilly is running for Circuit Court Judge in Oakland County. The primary election is on August 6.

O'Reilly thanked Phil Schmitt for his years of service to the Parks and Recreation Board, noting that the Board has realized many accomplishments during his term. Schmitt has been the heart and soul of this organization. O'Reilly thinks that the Village would not be anywhere near where it is as far as renovating Beverly Park without his dedication.

Nelson thanked Schmitt for the leadership he provided as chair of the Parks and Recreation Board and wished him luck. Nelson thanked administration for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Harmon thanked Schmitt for his service on the Parks and Recreation Board. Harmon noticed that there are "no trespassing" signs displayed while the park is full of users. He thinks that they should either be taken down or enforced. Harmon informed administration that there is a downed tree in the water at Riverside Park.

Harmon asked for an agenda item at an upcoming meeting regarding the Parks and Recreation Board support of the Pathways Plan.

Davis thanked Schmitt for his work on the Parks and Recreation Board. She thanked administration and Council for the wonderful appreciation dinner held for Village volunteers.

Greening thanked Schmitt for his work on the Parks and Recreation Board. Greening asked administration if there is something that could be done to deter children from bringing bicycles into the play area. Pasieka suggested erected a general park rules signs to eliminate the need for numerous signs.

Motion by Wilms, seconded by O'Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary**