

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

Absent: Davis

Also Present: Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka
Council member, Schmitt

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Schmitt of 18103 Riverside Drive questioned whether a Village municipal site has been designated for storage and distribution of compost to Beverly Hills residents this year. Pasieka responded that consideration is being given to storing compost on the grounds at a location that is acceptable to the Village, Township, and residents.

A question from Nagle on the end of the season yard waste collection was addressed by Pasieka. It snowed heavily on the last day for leaf pickup in the Village and snowed again on the rescheduled day. About 17 tons of leaves were collected on the final special collection day. Yard waste collection begins again on April 14, 2003.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2002

A correction was made on page 2, third paragraph from the bottom of the page. The last sentence should read: "The excess, which is used to fund park improvements, is minimal and mostly a result of the large group rentals."

Motion by Harmon and seconded by O'Reilly that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on October 17, 2002 be approved as amended.

Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON SLED HILL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR ENTIRE PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO DATE

Pasieka referred to a Park Site Improvement and Equipment Report dated January 8, 2003. The cost of sled hill improvements was originally estimated at \$40,625. The Board proposed modifications to design drawings prepared by consulting engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) to include railings on both sides of the hill and additional vegetation. Three bids on this project were received on November 16 in the amounts of \$92,266.80, \$86,750.00 and \$77,000.00. Pasieka understands that Hubbell, Roth & Clark is looking at how the design can be scaled back and adjusted before going out for bids again.

Greening suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board revisit the plans and consider a recommendation on how to proceed with sled hill improvements. It was noted that the work will not be done this winter.

Greening has been contacted by Eagle Scouts who are looking for projects to undertake in Beverly Park. She asked the Board to consider having Eagle Scouts take on the sled hill project with supervision from the Village as an alternative to proceeding with a contractor and project management by HRC. Public Services Director Spallasso and the engineering department field inspector could be requested to oversee the work.

The Board discussed whether undertaking sled hill improvements with Eagle Scouts doing the work would be viable considering the magnitude and difficulty of the project and the amount of supervision that would be required. There was agreement to have further conversation with the Eagle Scouts and Village administration about the feasibility of proceeding in this manner.

Board members will review a copy of the sled hill drawing at the February meeting and consider alternative designs. Clarification was requested from administration on the bids received.

Greening proposed that Board members organize in committees of two for the purpose of researching specific park improvement projects and bringing information back to the Board as a whole. The Board was in agreement and committees were formed as follows: Pavilion - Wilms and Harmon; Ball Diamond and Sled Hill – Davis and O'Reilly; Basketball, Tennis and Volleyball courts – Nagle and Nelson.

With regard to the pavilion, the Board will decide whether to recommend renovating the existing structure or constructing a new pavilion. Harmon and Wilms will contact design/build firms and explore pavilion designs based on what they determine is required for the Beverly Park pavilion. Information will be brought to the Board for its input.

Board members commented on the high prices quoted by HRC on park improvements. Using pond area improvements as an example, the \$15,000 cost quoted for a 12 foot gazebo was thought to be excessive based on prices obtained by individual Board members and their personal experience with gazebo construction. The cost of engineering oversight by HRC was also considered to be a cost that could be eliminated for some of the improvement projects.

Greening noted that the cost of resurfacing and re-fencing the two tennis courts is estimated at almost \$50,000. She put forward the idea of replacing the tennis courts with a roller blade court with a half-fence erected around the area. Greening thinks that a skating surface would be used more than tennis courts and is less costly. It would provide for another activity for children in the park.

It was pointed out that the tennis courts may not receive maximum use due to their poor condition. There was also concern expressed with removing an adult activity from the park. The availability of public tennis courts in the area is a consideration. The Board will monitor the use of the tennis courts in the park this summer and further consider the suggestion to replace them with a roller blade surface.

Schmitt questioned the traditional design of the curbs installed around the islands in the parking lot noting that the initial plan called for low sloped curbs. Greening recalled that an

administrative change was made because the islands could not retain soil and plantings without higher curbs.

Pasieka reported that the Village's application for a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant award for pond improvements was not successful.

UPDATE ON WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY – JANUARY 19, 2003

Nelson outlined activities and discussed preparations for the Winter Family Fun Day coming up Sunday, January 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Beverly Park.

BRICK SALES

In the absence of Davis, Greening reported that brick sales are doing well, and another order was placed. The sale of engraved paving bricks continues to be a successful fund raising program. Order forms will be available to residents at the Winter Family Fun Day on Sunday.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka reported that the Village has received 35 donations for park improvements in memory of Bill Pfeifer. The Board may want to consider how this money can be directed and forward a suggestion to Mrs. Pfeifer.

Pasieka noted that **Stu Wescott** has made a third contribution to Beverly Park in the amount of \$775. This resident has donated \$2,293 to the park over a three-year period in the spirit of community service. The money went into the Friends of Beverly Park Fund.

The Village is in receipt of a letter from Kim Terry, Cub Scout Day Camp Director, requesting the use of Beverly Park for one of its Cub Scout day camp facilities for the 2003 season from Tuesday, June 24 through Friday, June 27. The hours of use would be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Day Camp and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a Twilight Camp. The total camp population is expected to be 600 to 800 boys between the ages of 6-10 years old, 250 adults supervising, and 45-60 staff members. The letter outlines public facilities required and requests 150 picnic tables and 50 garbage cans.

The Board discussed the scope of the proposal and how it would affect the use of the park by others as well as wear and tear on the park. Pasieka has a number of questions involving details with respect to the camp site and activities. Board members would like to support the scouts but have concerns about the large number of campers. Pasieka will speak with Mr. Terry and request further clarification and information.

The March election issue of the Villager Newsletter is being prepared, and Board members should submit any information they would like included by February 7. Park events that will occur before the spring issue of the newsletter are the Easter Egg Hunt and the Annual Park Clean Up.

BOARD COMMENTS

Nelson invited everyone to attend the Winter Family Fun Day on Sunday. O'Reilly commended Nelson for a great job of spearheading the event this year.

O'Reilly suggested that the Board come up with an idea not only to acknowledge the contributions made to the park in Bill Pfeifer's name, but in appreciation of the contributions Bill Pfeifer has made to the community.

Harmon commented on how nice the arched entrance to the park looked decorated with holiday greenery.

Motion by O'Reilly and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Patricia Greening, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary**