

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

Absent: None

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Harmon, seconded by Nagle, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on Thursday, May 15, 2003 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIR

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

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

DISCUSS COURT SURVEY RESULTS

As part of the master planning process, the Board administered a survey to measure resident support of an idea to change the existing tennis courts or the basketball court into an in-line roller blading court. A survey was mailed to all residents in the Villager newsletter. The deadline for receiving the survey results by mail, fax, or e-mail was Friday, June 6, 2003. There were 115 responses received, which represents 2.8% of approximately 4,000 households in the Village.

Board members have received the written results of the 2003 Beverly Park Court Survey. Nagle stated that the results indicate that those who responded do not want any changes made to the tennis or basketball courts. She related a few written comments received with the questionnaires. Someone said that there are no other tennis courts readily available to local residents. It was questioned why the courts have not been resurfaced.

The Board was in agreement to resurface and update the courts that exist in the park.

REVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Board is in the process of reviewing and updating the Park Master Plan. The Park Plan must be updated every five years and approved by the governing body to be a valid plan for submission with a state or federal grant application.

Board members offered a number of corrections and changes that will be incorporated in a revised document. A revised draft will be distributed for further discussion when suggested corrections are received and included in the plan.

STATUS OF FENCE PROJECT

Pasieka reported that the Village Council on June 16, 2003 awarded a contract to American Fence Company to erect 500 ft. of fencing on the sled hill in accordance with the plans and specifications developed by Hubbell, Roth & Clark. The work could be done in late August.

The Parks and Recreation Board under the leadership of O'Reilly will organize volunteers to build the steps on the sled hill after the handrails are installed. It is hoped that sufficient funds remain for landscaping the sled hill.

BRICK SALES

Davis reported that orders for engraved paving bricks continue to come in. It is planned to purchase the bricks from local companies.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Gazebo

The gazebo located near the park pond was erected by volunteers on June 1 and was stained by volunteers from Council last weekend. Comeau's staff planted grass seed around the structure. Everyone is pleased with the gazebo.

PLANTING TREES IN BEVERLY PARK

An inspection of Beverly Park identified over 60 diseased Ash trees as a result of damage by the emerald ash borer. These diseased trees should be replaced over time. Greening proposed that the Parks and Recreation Board prepare written guidelines in terms of a preferred species of tree and cost of planting a tree in Beverly Park that will be available if people want to donate money for a tree in the park. Donations will also be accepted for a picnic table, grill, park bench, or trash receptacle. A brochure will be prepared to include these items and pertinent information for people who wish to make a donation to the park.

Harmon will do the research and provide information on trees. Pasieka will gather data on benches, picnic tables, grills and refuse containers.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Schmitt commented that there is a need for new gravel on the main path in the park, which was noted by Pasieka. In answer to an inquiry, Pasieka stated that cracks in the parking lot are marked and will be repaired.

Schmitt asked when the park improvement project will be accepted and thereby trigger the one-year warranty on plant material. Pasieka will follow up on this with Renzo Spallasso.

Schmitt related that Council will be asking the Parks and Recreation Board to hold a public hearing on the updated Park Master Plan when it is ready for consideration and adoption.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka stated that July is national Recreation and Parks Month. Council will consider adopting a resolution to this effect at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion by O’Reilly, seconded by Nagle, to recommend that the Village of Beverly Hills Council recognize July as National Recreation and Parks Month.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pasieka related that Janet Mooney is encouraging the Parks and Recreation Board to re-establish the horseshoe pits in approximately the same location in the park. The horseshoe pits were covered up during last year’s construction. There were no objections from the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS

O’Reilly thanked the individuals who assembled the park gazebo including Phil Schmitt, Stan Pasieka, Karl Woodard, Dan Nelson, Jack Harmon, Pat and Don Greening, and Dave Byrwa. A group of Council volunteers stained the structure last weekend.

Pasieka commented that he is awaiting a response from one of the donors of the gazebo before preparing a plaque.

Harmon questioned whether Renzo Spallasso has contacted the contractor about replacing plants in the bioswale in Beverly Park. Most of the small plants did not live.

Nagle commented that the Birmingham Eccentric posted the dates of the summer concerts in Beverly Park in a recent edition of the paper and will post concert dates periodically during the summer. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle published an article about the summer concerts in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, and Franklin. Nagle has displayed and distributed posters to local merchants advertising the Beverly Hills “Hot Fun in the Summertime” concert program.

Davis mentioned that Don Greening constructed a beautiful “lost and found” sign attached to a tall post with pegs on which to hang items. The post will be placed in front of the pavilion restrooms a couple of feet from the sidewalk. People walking to the playground or the ball fields will be able to see the structure as they pass the area.

Greening stated that mosquito dunks have been placed on standing water in the park in an attempt to kill mosquitoes.

Motion by Harmon, seconded by O’Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary**