

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

Council: President Downey; Members: Domzal, McCleary, Mooney, Pfeifer and Schmitt

Absent: Woodrow

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **DISCUSS PHASE I COMPLETION OF BEVERLY PARK CONSTRUCTION**

Phase I projects of the Park Master Plan improvements include the parking lot, entranceway, and playground. Public Services Director Spallasso has indicated that he has not signed off on these projects with the contractor at this time. There are outstanding punch-list items to be completed. The Village will have a one-year warrantee on this work. Members questioned the status of specific improvements.

### **DISCUSS FUNDING FOR 2004 CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY**

Nagle is preparing to book bands for the three summer concerts in Beverly Park in 2004. She related that the majority of Board members agreed to continue holding the concerts on Wednesdays, even though it has been confirmed that the City of Birmingham switched its summer concert day from Thursdays to Wednesdays beginning next year at the request of the merchants. Nagle proposes to connect Teen Band Night next year with Groves High School's official senior skip day in Beverly Park, which is May 24. She will be in contact with the dean of seniors regarding these plans.

Council discussed the proposed concert day and considered the \$5,000 requested for the series next year. There was general agreement to continue the event on Wednesdays in 2004. The Board is requesting \$1,500 again next year for Winter Family Fun Day.

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Schmitt, to support the 2004 summer concert series in the park in the amount of \$5,000 and the Winter Family Fun Day in the amount of \$1,500 with the funding to be determined when the budget is finalized.

Downey encouraged more community financed support of these events.

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS RIVERSIDE PARK**

Harmon has observed the continuing decline of water quality and water depth of the Riverside Park pond over a number of years. The geese are walking across the water. The Parks and Recreation Board is updating the Master Plan for Village parks, and Harmon suggests that it is time to start thinking about Riverside Park. He foresees a real problem with mud and mosquitoes in five years if something is not done.

Council discussed which body is responsible for overseeing Riverside Park, what could be done to improve the pond, and the availability of grant money. It was mentioned that permits from the DNR or DEQ will most likely be required to work on the pond, which is part of the Rouge River system.

Harmon commented that the Parks and Recreation Board has become the Beverly Park committee over the years, particularly due to the recent improvement program in the park. Riverside Park is another site of recreation in the Village. He believes that there would be more activity at Riverside Park if there was a decent body of water.

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Mooney, that Public Services Director Spallasso contact HRC regarding the Riverside Park pond and report back to Council within a reasonable period of time on what options might be available to the Village to ensure that the pond does not become a public health risk.

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS FUTURE PARK PROJECT PRIORITY SCHEDULE**

Greening stated that the Parks and Recreation Board is proposing a Master Plan Priority List and revenue and expense timing for park improvements through fiscal year 2005/06. Murphy mentioned that the priorities presented this evening are in the same order that Council approved last year. There have been modifications on what those projects will entail. The order is as follows: Sled hill improvements, pavilion upgrades, ball diamond improvements, pond area improvements, and basketball and tennis court upgrades. The sled hill work is in progress and the pavilion upgrades will be undertaken in the spring.

Murphy reviewed project descriptions and cost estimates with Council and Board members as outlined in the attached report.

At Council's suggestion, new bleachers will be added to the description of the ball field project. In answer to an inquiry, it was indicated that money not allocated for priority improvements could be used earlier than in the final year of the program to begin landscaping and tree restoration.

Motion by Schmitt, seconded by Pfeifer, to accept and adopt the Parks and Recreation Board priority list and timetable as presented.

Motion carried

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Downey commented favorably on the work being done by the Parks and Recreation Board this last year with respect to the park improvement program. He encouraged the members to carry on with their great work. All members of Council thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for the way in which they are overseeing the priority park improvements in a fiscally responsible way for the benefit of all Village residents.

Schmitt suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board should be the body to implement the tree restoration program in the park.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

O'Reilly stated that he will be supervising the Boy Scouts and volunteers over the next number of weeks in constructing steps on the sled hill. He thinks everyone will be pleased with the results.

Harmon thinks it is good for this Board to meet with Council and obtain their perspective. Davis commended Council for attending the joint meeting. She related that a number of people who she has spoken with in the park have indicated that they were not in favor of the bond issue but are very glad it passed. Nelson added that he has heard the same comment from people.

Greening observed that there will be additional funding required for maintenance of the park facilities on a yearly basis.

Greening thanked Council for being at the joint meeting and invited them to attend all activities in the park. She noted that the Halloween Hoot is coming up on Sunday, October 26.

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

Motion carried.

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

**Doyle Downey  
Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall  
Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard  
Recording Secretary**