

Present:       **Parks & Recreation:** Chairperson Greening; Members: Davis, Nagle, Nelson, O'Reilly and Wilms  
                  **Council:** President Domzal; Members: Downey, Koss, McCleary and Pfeifer

Absent:       Parks/Rec: Harmon  
                  Council: Taylor and Woodrow

Also Present: Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka

Chairperson Greening called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Beverly Park pavilion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire related that plans are being prepared to construct a storage facility in Beverly Park for Little League baseball equipment. She requested direction on information that should be included in the plan.

Council suggested that the storage facility plans include a sketch of the proposed building with its location indicated on a site plan of the park. A maintenance plan was requested. The question of liability was raised. Mooney responded that a document will be prepared that releases the Village of all liability.

### **2005 CONCERT SERIES**

Greening commented that the 2004 summer concerts held on Wednesday evenings were fairly well attended considering the weather conditions. Council thanked Cynthia Nagle for a great job of organizing the summer concert series.

Nagle stated that the Parks and Recreation Board decided to change the day of the concerts from Wednesday to Thursday next year so that the Beverly Hills concert series will not compete with the Birmingham summer concerts. Nagle will check on whether Birmingham plans to continue its concerts on Wednesdays. She is working on booking a rock and roll band, a Beatles band, and Frank Sinatra type of entertainer.

McCleary questioned whether the first concert in the series will conflict with the final swim meet at the Beverly Hills Swim Club. The swimming competitions are heavily attended and parking overflows into the Beverly School lot and surrounding streets. Nagle will look into the Swim Club schedule.

Members of Council questioned whether people are coming to the concerts. Nagle responded that the attendance at last summer's Wednesday concerts in the park was great. More people attended after the day was changed from Sundays to Wednesdays. This year the attendance suffered due to inclement weather.

Downey commented that the Village is under fairly tight financial constraints. He thinks that the Parks and Recreation Board should plan for the 2005 concert season with the understanding that there may be some serious pressure to reconsider the funding of this event.

Allocation of \$5,000 for the concert series was discussed. It was noted that the bands are booked in advance and receive partial payment in one fiscal year with the balance paid in the next fiscal year. The expense of renting the County show mobile is paid at the time of the event.

There was discussion on how the concerts are publicized and ways to expand advertising to increase the popularity of the event. Nagle stated that the concerts were advertised in the calendar and on cable television. Flyers were copied and placed in the Eagle newspaper sent to Beverly Hills and Franklin residents (48025 zip code).

It was the sense of Council to proceed with planning the 2005 concert series. Nagle will coordinate the concert schedule based on the Swim Club events and band bookings and contact Stan Pasioka about the dates for the Village Calendar.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Davis, that the proposal set forth by the Cynthia Nagle regarding the 2005 concert series be adopted by the Parks and Recreation Board and forwarded to Council for approval including a budgetary expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Motion by McCleary, second by Pfeifer, to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for the 2005 summer concert series in Beverly Park subject to verification of how monies have been allocated.

Downey expressed the view that it is not appropriate to commit monies for next year's budget in light of financial conditions in Beverly Hills. Pfeifer remarked that a large part of the summer concert expenditures are figured into this fiscal year.

Ayes - Domzal, Koss, McCleary, and Pfeifer

Nays – Downey

Motion passed (4 – 1).

#### **WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY**

Nelson distributed a handout including a financial report for the last two Winter Family Fun Day events in Beverly Park and requested funding for the 2005 event. The expenses for the last two years came in under the \$1,500 budgeted. Nelson commented that the winter event has been very well attended.

Motion by Koss, second by Downey, to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 for the 2005 Winter Family Fun Day event.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

Council approved publishing of the 2006 Winter Family Fun Day event in the Village 2005 calendar.

### **ROUTINE PARK MAINTENANCE**

Greening brought it to the attention of Council that additional funding will be needed to maintain Beverly Park in future years due to the improvements that have been made. Future repair and maintenance of playground equipment, the pavilion, and landscaping should be considered in the Village's budget.

Domzal asked the Parks and Recreation Board to prepare a projection that includes these categories and estimated expenses. Downey encouraged administration to bring in another summer intern to help with park maintenance. He suggested that there may be ways to bring the community together to work on park maintenance projects.

### **PAVILION PROJECT**

Greening updated Council on the pavilion renovation plans. The Board with the assistance of architect Pat Westerlund is attempting to arrive at a pavilion design that is acceptable and within the budgeted amount for this project. The bid proposals for the pavilion renovation came in \$100,000 over the projected cost of the work. The architect is working on a revised pavilion renovation drawing that incorporates modifications discussed with the Board in an attempt to reduce the cost of the project. Council will be kept informed of the Board's progress.

In answer to an inquiry, Greening commented that the remaining park projects include improvements to the ball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, and pond. She noted that the Village is seeking grant money for pond improvements.

Domzal thanked Pat Westerlund for the gratis work he is doing on the park pavilion drawings. Pasieka mentioned that Westerlund has asked to be reimbursed in the amount of \$500 for out-of-pocket expenses that he has incurred in consultation fees related to the pavilion renovation plans. The Parks and Recreation Board has recommended approval of this expenditure. Council sanctioned the payment of an amount not to exceed \$500 to Pat Westerlund.

Motion by Downey, second by Koss, to deeply thank architect and resident Pat Westerlund for graciously contributing his time and expertise towards preparation of design drawings for the renovation of the Beverly Park pavilion.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

Greening added that Pat Westerlund is a member of the community who cares about the park as much as this group does, and the Parks and Recreation Board appreciates his help.

Downey suggested that there may be a way to recruit the assistance of other professionals in the community for these types of projects.

### **BALL DIAMOND PROJECT**

O'Reilly commented that ball diamond improvements is the next project to be undertaken with dedicated park millage following pavilion renovation. The expense for the ballfield

project was originally projected at approximately \$146,000. The scope of the project was subsequently reduced to \$72,000.

The Parks and Recreation Board requested that administration seek bids under the design-build process for ballfield improvements. Specifications were prepared by Rich Houdek of Grissim Metz Andriese Associates and were sent out for bids. Only one bid has been returned, and it exceeded the budget for this project by \$10,000. The bid is from the fence company that installed the sled hill fence last year.

O'Reilly stated that it has been suggested to him by individuals involved with ballfield improvements that there is not enough money allocated towards the project as outlined in the specifications. The improvement project involves erecting new backstops and fences, installing new bleachers and dug out areas, and a reorientation of the north diamond by 15 degrees.

A set of more defined specifications were resent to five companies today. Proposals are due on September 29. Council members suggested that it would be helpful if the bid proposals included itemized costs.

Council discussed the ballfield improvement project. Domzal suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board may want to proceed with the ball diamond work since the pavilion renovation project is held up pending revised drawings.

O'Reilly responded that the Board would like to proceed with the baseball field project this fall when the fields are not in use. In addition, next year is the fiftieth anniversary of Little League. The project could be done in a few weeks except for the fencing. The fence company has indicated that fencing material will not be available for six weeks. This portion of the work could be accomplished in the spring.

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board could be scheduled if bids for the ballfield improvements come in favorably. Consideration could be given to proceeding with the project this fall.

### **BRICK SALES**

Davis reported that orders for personalized paving bricks for the park walkway continue to be received. Downey suggested that the brick fund raising program be advertised on cable television.

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

McCleary had a thought that there may be a way for the Village to receive a gift from a donor who would be willing to contribute money towards the completion of the pavilion or ballfield projects. The donor could be a business, individual, or foundation known by a member of Council or the Parks and Recreation Board. He asked everyone to give this some thought. McCleary thanked the Parks and Recreation Board members for doing a good job.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Pasieka was asked to update the group on the status of the tree planting projects. The resident tree sale program has been moved back to Spring of 2005 due to timing issues. Requests for bids have gone out for the purchase of trees in conjunction with two matching grant programs. Bids are due back on September 23 and will come before Council for consideration.

Franks Nursery has withdrawn its offer to make certain trees available to residents at 50% off the retail price due to financial problems within their organization.

Domzal stated that he would like to make sure that there is a commitment from the Village to spend the upfront money for the resident tree program so that it can proceed in the Spring.

Domzal would like to see the Parks and Recreation Board involved in tree programs in terms of: 1) tree planting program on public property; 2) new ordinance language to protect trees during construction, 3) tree sale program, and 4) proceed with qualifying the Village as a tree community.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Pfeifer had questions on the location of the Little League storage facility, which were addressed by Mooney. Downey thanked the Parks and Recreation Board members for their hard work.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Davis thanked Council for its support of the Parks and Recreation Board. Nelson thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting. Nagle commented that she is looking forward to another exciting year on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Greening remarked that the Halloween Hoot is coming up, and she appreciates when Council members attend. After the topping and gutting of pumpkins on the morning of the event, there is an introduction to the festivities that is videotaped and aired on the municipal cable channel. Greening asked that members of Council be present at that time to be part of the production.

Greening thanked Council members for taking the responsibility of running the Village. She appreciates their dedication and is sorry that they receive criticism from some people. If these individuals would use their energy to do something positive, more would be done to move Beverly Hills forward. She asked Council for its continued support of Beverly Park.

Motion by Nelson, second by Wilms, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion passed.

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

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**

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