

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

Absent: Davis and Nagle

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Nelson, second by O'Reilly, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on December 16, 2004 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip Schmitt of Riverside Drive congratulated everyone on the wonderful Winter Family Fun Day in the park last Sunday.

UPDATE ON PAVILION PLAN

Greening related that architect Pat Westerlund with the help of a few Board members is in the process of qualifying the three low bidders on the Beverly Park pavilion renovation project. It is hoped to complete this process and have a proposal prepared to submit to Council for its consideration at its first meeting in March.

McCleary commented that the topic of the park pavilion renovation was raised by a resident at the January 18 Council meeting. McCleary noted that Council understands that the bid process is proceeding appropriately. He clarified that Council has not yet received the proposal nor approved the expenditure for the pavilion renovation.

UPDATE ON BALL DIAMONDS

O'Reilly reported that he and Pasieka have been preparing specifications for improvements needed to the baseball fields. They are consulting with Rob Carson, Birmingham Public Schools facilities director, on formulating a comprehensive and cost effective document that will be presented for obtaining bids. It is hoped that the modified specifications will meet the budget for this project with the realization that some of the work can be done by community volunteers.

UPDATE ON BRICKS

Greening reported that Davis has been selling paving bricks and is ready to submit another order.

REPORT ON 2005 WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Dan Nelson reported on last Sunday's 10th Annual Winter Family Fun Day held on January 16, 2005. Flyers were handed out to kids in Birmingham area schools advertising the

family fun day. Newspaper articles featuring the event appeared in the Birmingham Eccentric, the Birmingham Eagle, and Detroit Free Press.

Nelson reported that the crowds were smaller than last year due to the cold and lack of snow. However, the sled hill was fast, the ice skating was great, and people stayed warm by the fire in the pavilion drinking hot chocolate. Scooby Do was sculpted out of ice as children and adults watched. The cost of the event came in under budget.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Pasieka commended Nelson and Board members for all the work they did on the Winter Family Fun Day.

Greening informed Pasieka that the park flag pole light is out. She thanked Comeau's crew for putting up holiday greenery on the park fence. Pasieka added that the Comeau Equipment Company staff should also be thanked for all they did to prepare for the Winter Family Fun Day.

BOARD COMMENTS

O'Reilly thanked Nelson for a fabulous job of organizing the Winter Family Fun Day and thanked his support staff for all their work. Administration was thanked for their assistance in making the day a success.

Harmon commented that Winter Family Fun Day is a special event that the Parks and Recreation Board organizes in the middle of winter to bring people out to the park for some community fun. It would not happen without Nelson's fine leadership.

Greening stated that she and others have objected to the Village Council using dedicated millage money to fund a matching tree grant for tree replacement in the park. She thinks that tree replacement should be a maintenance issue. This may be a topic for Council consideration.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Nelson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion passed.

Patricia Greening, Chair
Parks and Recreation Board

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary