

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka

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

There was a consensus of the Board to add item 2A to the agenda, "Request by Laura Yauck from the Beverly Hills Club to sponsor a movie night at Beverly Park".

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Harmon, second by Davis, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 16, 2006 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REQUEST BY LAURA YAUCK FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS CLUB TO SPONSOR A MOVIE NIGHT AT BEVERLY PARK

The Beverly Hills Club held a Movie Night in Beverly Park last summer, and it was a huge success. Laura Yauck, representing the Club, requested approval to use the park for another movie night on Saturday, May 27, 2006. She estimated that 400-500 people attended the movie night in Beverly Park last year. The movie featured will be Nanny McPhee. Yauck outlined some of the particulars of the event, noting that it will be moved to the Beverly Hills Club in case of rain. She would like to circulate fliers announcing the event through the schools.

In response to an inquiry, Yauck stated that there will be no sales in the park. They may hand out popcorn and punch. She recalled that a number of people brought picnic dinners last year. If there will be no sales in connection with this event, Pasieka did not see a need for Council approval for this park event. He will provide Council with an information item on the movie night.

Greening commented that May 27 is the Saturday before the Memorial Day festivities in the park, and no other event is planned on that evening.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Wilms, to recommend that the Village of Beverly Hills graciously accept the generous offer of the Beverly Hills Club to sponsor a movie night in Beverly Park on Saturday, May 27, 2006.

Motion passed unanimously.

Greening questioned whether there will be a need to clean up the pavilion before the Memorial Day carnival the next day. Board members who attended the event last September recalled that there was a committee of people who cleaned up after the movie event. Wilms will confirm this.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THREE LARGE GROUP SURVEYS

Board members are in receipt of three large group event planning forms. There were no objections to the events as proposed.

Greening distributed copies of a paragraph that she would like to be included on the group event planning form. It would acknowledge that the group is using the park pavilion for its annual gathering and indicate that their contribution towards park improvements would be appreciated. Greening thinks that the organizations and businesses that use the park for a large group event may be able to assist with some of the park needs.

Pasieka proposed that the request for assistance be placed on the bottom of the park survey that is handed out to every group who rents the pavilion. Wilms recommended that this notice be distributed as a separate flyer that comes with the application. The form could include boxes to be checked to indicate interest in: 1) purchase of a picnic table; 2) purchase of a garbage can; 3) donation toward these items; or 4) no contribution.

The Board asked Pasieka to continue to publish the article that has appeared in the Villager newsletter asking residents to consider contributions towards park improvements and programs.

BUDGET MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Board members discussed proposed 2006-07 Parks and Recreation maintenance and capital budget items. Modifications were made to the list discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed to separate maintenance and capital requests and to forward these items to Council for consideration during its budget deliberations. It was emphasized that the Board will be attempting to locate alternate ways to fund capital items. Council liaison Burry was not present to add to the discussion and bring information back to Council.

Board members have received a site plan of the bio-retention area and planting notes prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark. Harmon suggested adding an item to the park maintenance budget for additional plantings for the bio-swale. The board discussed the upkeep of the bio-swale.

Maintenance Items	Estimated Cost
1. Beverly Park parking lot re-stripping	\$500.00
2. Straighten & reset baseball flagpole	200.00
3. Addition/replacement of wood chips for playground structure	900.00
4. Re-stain Gazebo	200.00
5. Re-adjust steps on sled hill as necessary	500.00
6. Play structure equipment – repairs as necessary	1,000.00
7. Bio-swale plantings	100.00

Capital Improvement Items

1. Purchase 20 matching 50-gallon trash cans	\$10,000.00
2. Replacement of eight unserviceable picnic tables	8,000.00
3. Replacement of four cooking grills	2,000.00
4. Install new drinking fountain	3,000.00

Pasieka informed the Board that the next Council budget session is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chamber.

TENNIS COURTS

O'Reilly stated that a preliminary inspection of the tennis courts confirmed that they need resurfacing. The contractor that is working on the north baseball diamond improvements will be used a source to determine what can and should be done with existing tennis court fencing in terms of painting, straightening and/or replacement.

Board members questioned how to proceed with obtaining cost estimates. Pasieka will prepare a memo notifying Council that the Parks and Recreation Board is proceeding with work on the tennis and basketball courts as part of its park improvement program.

CONCERTS IN BEVERLY PARK

Nagle announced that she has booked a fourth band, Mystery Train, to perform on Thursday, August 3 as part of this year's summer concert series. The other concert dates and featured entertainers are as follows: Sun Messengers on July 13; Dal Bouey on July 20; Tartar Sauce on July 27.

Parks and Recreation Board members will meet for a picnic dinner in the park every week prior to the concerts.

PARK CLEANUP

The annual park clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. Jack Harmon will organize the volunteer efforts. Scout groups and the Little League will be contacted. Scout leader LaVerne Cleary has already printed and distributed a flyer, "Do a Good Turn, 2006 Beverly Park Annual Cleanup". Harmon will contact the Lion's Club to confirm that they will supply refreshments.

RIVERSIDE PARK PROPOSAL – RIJNOVEAN

Pam Rijnovean was not present to address questions from the Board regarding a proposal for Riverside park improvements. It was suggested that this item be tabled due to her absence.

Motion by Davis, second by Nagle, to postpone the Riverside Park proposal until the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

There was discussion on a memo addressing management of the bio-swale. It was noted that Parks and Recreation Board members expressed concern at last month's meeting as to what could be done to make the bio-swale more aesthetically pleasing. There have been comments made by residents on Allerton regarding the appearance of the swale. The primary function of the bio-swale is to filter the pollutants from the parking lot storm water runoff before the water enters the sewer and reaches the Rouge River. The selected native plant vegetation in the swale is designed to absorb water and slowly release it over time.

Pasieka had a conversation with Steve Pyc, environmental plant specialist at Hubbell, Roth & Clark since the last meeting. Pyc provided a diagram of the bio-swale and offered suggestions for managing the swale. He suggested carefully using a weed-whip to cut back selected grasses to 6"-8" in height to make the area look better for a few months. Careful trimming may be necessary two or three times a year to be effective. Another suggestion was to add some colorful plants such as Rebecca and Colbalt to improve the look.

Screening the bio-swale from Allerton view is an option and could be accomplished with a row of 7-10 evergreens along the east and southeast corner of the swale. This could cost up to \$3,000 for mature trees if Allerton residents are interested in financing this undertaking.

Pasieka stated that environmentalists recommend a periodic burn (after 3 years) on a bio-swale. This will probably not take place in Beverly Hills. The selected native plants provide a natural "gnarly-look". Even when the grasses and shrubs mature, they will still be big plants but will continue to perform their function of absorbing and filtering storm water. Many of the plants in the swale are reaching their maturity level after three years.

Greening asked Pasieka to send a copy of the bio-swale maintenance report to Allerton residents. The Board will be interested in hearing if Allerton residents have other suggestions.

Board members have received an announcement from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness inviting Beverly Hills residents to participate in the statewide 2006 Labor Day Walk or to engage in a community hosted "virtual bridge walk". The Parks and Recreation Board appreciated the receipt of this information.

Ann Bernardini stated that the West Beverly potluck will be held on August 24.

BOARD COMMENTS

Schmitt thanked LaVerne Cleary for organizing the assistance of the boy scouts and for creating and distributing a flier to inform people of the Park Clean Up. He suggested that the large group event planning form include an up-to-date map of the park. Schmitt commented on people putting trash out early for rubbish collection and the difficulties with enforcing the ordinance.

O'Reilly wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Davis reported that seven personalized brick orders for \$100 each were received in the last week.

Harmon presented a \$100 check to administration as promised towards the cost of purchasing and planting evergreen trees along Allerton in the area of the bleachers.

Greening questioned whether the construction along Beverly Road will be completed before the Memorial Day Parade. She is pleased that the Beverly Hills Club is going to sponsor another Movie Night in the park. Greening stated that she is looking forward to the summer concerts.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Nagle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Motion passed.

Patricia Greening, Chair
Parks and Recreation Board

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary