

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Council Liaison, Burry

Chairperson O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 20, 2006

Motion by Harmon, second by Davis, that the minutes of a July 20, 2006 Parks and Recreation Board meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MOVIE IN THE PARK (OCTOBER 7, 2006)

The Beverly Hills Club will be sponsoring its third outdoor movie night in Beverly Park on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The movie *Casper* will be shown at dusk. The event is open to the general public. There is no need to reserve the pavilion for the outdoor movie. The screen will be set up between the pavilion and the woods, and people generally sit on blankets on the grass. The Parks and Recreation Board has no responsibilities in connection with this event.

The Board thanked the Beverly Hills Club for sponsoring this free community event in Beverly Park.

REPORT ON BRICK SALES

Assistant Manager Marshall reported in a memo to the Board dated September 15 that the seventh brick order was placed on July 27 with Creative Brick/Gift Bricks out of Wisconsin. The company noted that their lead time for producing the bricks is 45-60 days. O'Reilly received an update from Marshall on Tuesday, September 19 informing the Board that the brick order arrived and installation has begun.

Marshall indicated that it may take a year to accumulate enough brick orders to place an order with the company. Those interested in purchasing a personalized paving brick should be informed that it could be as long as a year before their brick would be installed in the park. Administration will be researching other companies that provide this type of brick with the intent of locating a provider in the area and eliminating shipping costs. In the meantime, all brick orders should be directed to Ellen Marshall at the Village office.

REPORT ON 2006 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Nagle raised issues related to booking entertainment and scheduling concert dates in 2007. She indicated that Councilman Hugh Woodrow has again offered to sponsor one of the concerts.

Nagle related conversations with a Beverly Hills public safety officer who has contacts with area bands and with Mitch Ryder. This individual has put forward an offer to book the bands for the concerts. The Board discussed how to proceed and decided that they would book the entertainment for the concerts in the park. Nagle will deal directly with the musicians.

Nagle commented that the 2006 summer concerts were held on four consecutive weeks in order to build momentum for the concert series. A couple of Board members suggested a two-week break between the first two and second two concerts. There was a consensus to set the dates for the 2007 concerts on the following Thursdays: June 21, June 28, July 19, and July 26.

STATUS OF TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS

O'Reilly reported on the status of proposed improvements to the tennis, basketball and volleyball courts in Beverly Park. The basketball court is the only work that will be completed this fall, because the tennis and volleyball court improvements require warmer weather.

The plan is to reasphalt and reline the basketball court. The court will be resurfaced in conjunction with the Village's upcoming asphalt road repair program. The original estimate of \$11,000 to resurface the basketball court will run about \$3,500 because of the lower unit costs available by taking advantage of the Village's asphalt repair program. The park dedicated millage fund will be debited for asphalt used on the basketball court. Public Services Director Meszler estimated that the basketball court would require about 50 tons of asphalt, which would cost approximately \$2,700. The Village has a company under contract to do road striping; the estimate to stripe the basketball court is \$700-\$800.

O'Reilly intends to recruit Boy Scout volunteers to refurbish the volleyball courts. The plan is to line it with timbers about 7 ft. outside the perimeter of the court. Additional sand will be purchased. The project will be labor free.

The tennis court improvements involve a dual project in terms of resurfacing and fence work. The fencing may require replacing, and some of the posts are bent and twisted. O'Reilly described problems with replacing existing posts and maintaining a uniform distance between poles. He has pricing on two different types of poles. The fencing and surface components of the project should be done at the same time.

O'Reilly met with a contractor that specializes in renovating tennis courts and received an estimate to redo the surface at a cost of \$23,000, which would include cleaning up the court, leveling it off, resurfacing the courts and installing a crack repair system. He provided information on the crack repair system. O'Reilly will be meeting with a second contractor in October.

O'Reilly clarified that the Board has been directed to determine what improvements are needed to properly repair the courts and to obtain cost estimates for the work. Preliminary cost estimates on the improvements will be submitted to Council with a request that they authorize administration to prepare specifications and go out for bids.

The projected figure for tennis court renovation was \$47,000. Funds remaining after the courts are renovated could be used for other park improvements such as additional landscaping, south diamond work, or pond improvements. There is currently \$128,700 in the park capital fund.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Burry was asked the status of the Finance Committee's review of costs associated with maintaining Beverly Park. He responded that the Finance Committee has prepared a preliminary report on park revenue and expenditures. There was a consensus to develop a plan for how much is needed to maintain the park and not allow it to deteriorate. The Parks and Recreation Board will be asked for its input on how the Village could best spend its money to improve the park. Council will determine how much to allocate in the budget in order to build a park capital fund. Burry remarked that the Committee is reviewing all Village operating entities and has been requested by Council to research the issue of unfunded retiree health care costs that face the Village.

O'Reilly reviewed that Burry indicated at the July Parks and Recreation Board meeting that he thought that additional funds had been allocated in the 2006/07 budget for park maintenance. Burry responded that he did not have the numbers available to confirm that additional money was placed in this year's budget for park maintenance. He recalled that Council did not discuss budget allocations for capital improvements.

Burry suggested that the Board consider preparing a five-year plan that would assist the Finance Committee to determine how much money is needed to maintain park improvements with some funding set aside for future capital improvements.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Schmitt mentioned that there is a pile of sticks at the end of the park path near the sled hill that was not removed at the park cleanup because it was too wet to get the truck in that area. This should be taken care of before the Halloween Hoot. Also, there are dead trees overhanging the path extension loop. Schmitt has observed people pulling up to the pavilion to unload vehicles for events. He suggested that something is needed to block that area from vehicles.

Davis stated that she and her husband are going to donate a large tree to Beverly Park and have it planted by a landscape company.

Wilms remarked that she has heard only positive comments about the Patriots football team holding their practices in the park. She understands that there are a lot of Beverly Hills residents involved in the youth football league and that it is very well managed. Wilms commented on the faulty operation of the automatic flushing toilets in the restrooms and the absence of a manual control. Administration will be asked to look into this problem.

O'Reilly commented that he has been monitoring the condition of the grass in the outfield area where the Patriots football team has been practicing and has observed no damage to the

outfield. He mentioned that the Birmingham-Beverly Hills Church softball league has donated \$100 to the park. They thanked Beverly Hills for the opportunity to use the ball field.

The joint meeting of the Council and Parks and Recreation Board has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 18, 2007. O'Reilly asked members to start thinking about what topics they would like to add to the agenda of the joint meeting.

Motion by Greening, second by Schmitt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion passed.

Jim O'Reilly, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary