

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Public Services Director, Meszler
Council members – Stearn, Pfeifer, Oen

Chairperson O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Motion by Harmon, second by Davis, that the minutes of the November 16, 2006 Parks and Recreation Board meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY ON JANUARY 21, 2007

Schmitt recommended that Winter Family Fun Day be held on Sunday despite the lack of snow. The ice rink is operational. Winter golf, hockey, score-o, and other activities will take place in the park. Board members discussed who would be responsible for various activities.

STATUS OF COURTS (BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS)

O'Reilly reported that the basketball court has been resurfaced and will be painted when weather permits. The height of the baskets will need adjustment.

Meszler reported on available Parks and Recreation funds. Money has been spent on the basketball court resurfacing. There is \$110,699 remaining in the park millage fund and \$15,000 in the park capital projects fund for a total of \$125,699. It is estimated that \$25,000 will be spent to refurbish the tennis court surface and \$20,000 to replace the chain link fence around the courts, leaving a balance of \$80,699.

O'Reilly remarked that the extent of the tennis court improvements have not been finalized. The volleyball court renovation will be part of an Eagle Scout project. The only expense to the Village will be for materials with the labor provided by volunteers. He has been in contact with a volunteer from Troop 1024, and it is anticipated that this project will be done this spring.

STATUS OF SUMMER CONCERTS

Nagle reported that there is potential for additional contributions to the music in the park series besides donations from private donors. Oakland County Parks and Recreation is interested in assisting municipalities that offer music in their parks because they realize the benefits for communities and the County. A survey circulated by County Parks and Recreation proposed additional entertainment in the park in terms of puppet shows and children's theater.

Additionally, Nagle has been in communication with the CEO of a local bank who has an interest in funding music in the park. Nagle will know if these contributions are forthcoming by the end of the month.

Three musical groups have been booked so far for the 2007 concerts in Beverly Park. They include the *Sun Messengers*, *Three Men and a Tenor*, and the *Tartar Sauce Jazz Band*. Nagle added that there is a possibility of bringing in Mitch Ryder for the fourth concert depending on available funds.

Nagle is researching the possibility of setting up a low stage in the pavilion area rather than using the Oakland County show mobile for *Three Men and a Tenor*, which is a four-person a cappella group. This type of stage would allow the audience to be closer to the musicians, who do not use guitars or additional amplification other than microphones.

The first two concerts will be held on the last two Thursdays in June (21 and 28). There will be a two week break due to the Fourth of July holiday. The break will also present an opportunity for more publicity and will hopefully build anticipation for the remaining concerts. The third concert will be on July 19 with the fourth concert date open based on available funding.

With regard to advertising the Village's concert series, Nagle described new vinyl signage available at Kinkos. She proposed preparing an informational sign that would list all park activities and dates. Signs could be displayed in the park pavilion, Village office, and possibly other locations in the community.

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL LIAISON

O'Reilly welcomed new Council liaison, Jon Oen.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Meszler informed the Board that Sue Wells from Oakland County Parks and Recreation extended an offer to meet with the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board to talk about what they can offer us. The Board suggested meeting with the County Board on their regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 in the Village municipal building.

At the request of Lillian Dean, Meszler distributed a flyer to members regarding a mulching demonstration by Howard Knorr. Knorr has offered to conduct a demonstration on proper mulching of trees at the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Carnival in the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Jim O'Reilly, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary