

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

Absent: Davis

Also Present: Public Services Director, Meszler
Assistant Manager/Clerk - Marshall
Council members – Oen and Peddie

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2007

Motion by Greening, second by Harmon, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on January 18, 2007 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

APPROVE MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 18, 2007

Motion by Nagle, second by Wilms, that the minutes of a joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and Council held on January 18, 2007 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At the request of Assistant Manager/Village Clerk Marshall, the agenda was amended to move item #8 to follow item #4.

PRESENTATION BY THE OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Oakland County Parks Administrator Sue Wells and Chief of Recreation James Dunleavy presented a video and slide presentation that offered an overview of the County Parks system and available facilities and programs. Wells related that Oakland County Parks has just completed a County-wide citizens survey and stakeholder interviews, and they are gathering information from community visits. This community connection initiative is an element of an Oakland County Parks three-year strategic plan that will be shared with the communities at its completion.

Oakland County Parks would like to make its resources available to the communities. Dunleavy talked about the Mobile Recreation Program designed to bring recreation to people of Oakland County. He informed the Board of a County-wide concert series. The focus is to get a handful of communities involved with the County to bring communities together, market concerts throughout the County, and develop sponsorships. Dunleavy proposed that the County could be a co-sponsor working with Beverly Hills to put on a festival. The Camp for Youth program is another County Parks program.

Dunleavy provided information on the County's Community Assistance Program available to help communities without adequate funding for recreation. He provided Public Services Director Meszler with a grant application.

Wells stated that Oakland County Parks is in the process of developing an Urban Park Strategy and will be making recommendations to the County Parks Commission regarding recreational programs and services. Oakland County Parks works with the Oakland Trails Advisory Council to provide maps of trails in the County. Wells mentioned that the park system needs work after 40 years, and Oakland County Parks is in the process of updating facilities this year.

Wells and Dunleavy answered questions from Board members regarding acquiring community assistance and access to County services. Information is available on their website www.oakgov.com/parksrec.

O'Reilly thanked Wells and Dunleavy for the informative presentation about Oakland County Parks resources.

STATUS OF SUMMER CONCERTS

Four concert dates appear on the 2007 Village calendar. Contracts have been received from the Sun Messengers in the amount of \$1,500 for the June 21st concert and a contract from Three Men & a Tenor for \$3,000 for June 28th. Oakland County show mobiles must be reserved for each of the concerts at a cost of \$300 per rental.

Available funding for concerts was a topic of discussion. All of last year's summer concerts were held in the 2006/07 fiscal year. Two of this year's concerts have been scheduled for June prior to the 2007/08 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. There is a remaining balance of \$1,900 from last year's concert budget. No confirmation is available relative to private donations. Schmitt mentioned that there is \$1,000 remaining from funds allocated for the Winter Family Fun Day. He proposed using that money for the concerts scheduled in this fiscal year.

The budget has yet to be determined for the 2007/08 concerts. It will be necessary for the Parks and Recreation Board to make a recommendation to Council for this year's concerts.

The entertainment scheduled for this summer and the costs involved were discussed at length. Nagle anticipated booking the Tartar Sauce Jazz Band for the July 19 concert at a cost of approximately \$1,300. She tentatively booked Mitch Ryder for \$6,500 for the July 26 concert based on potential funding from a local business whose CEO indicated an interest in contributing towards a summer concert. A recent conversation with the individual was less than encouraging. Nagle hoped for local merchant support for summer concerts, but noted that the Village Council is not holding a town hall meeting with local business owners until May.

Wilms questioned the possibility of changing the concert dates to schedule all the concerts after July 1 when 2007/08 concert funding would be available. It was mentioned that the Village 2007 calendar would no longer reflect the correct concert dates. The Board had agreed to spread out the 2007 concert dates in order to create interest and build publicity for concerts during the break between events. Scheduling alternatives were discussed. The suggestion was made to

schedule the jazz band in June and move Three Men & a Tenor to July in order to access budgeted funds for that concert.

Motion by Greening, second by Nagle, that the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board recommend that the Village Council approve an expenditure of \$1,900 plus the additional \$1,000 remaining from the Winter Family Fun Day budget to secure two entertainment contracts for the Concerts in the Park for June 2007.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Motion by Harmon, second by Wilms, that the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board recommend that the Village Council approve an expenditure of \$5,000 for administration to secure entertainment for the 2007/08 fiscal year Concerts in the Park.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW OF WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Schmitt reported that the Winter Family Fun Day held on Sunday, January 21 was a success. Board members reviewed the events of the day. Schmitt thanked a number individuals for their assistance including Jack Harmon, Don Greening, Pat Greening, Jim O'Reilly and Dan Nelson.

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS BROUGHT UP AT JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL

A number of items were discussed at the joint meeting with Council held on January 18. Board members volunteered to serve on subcommittees to review these topics for discussion at future Board meetings.

Set up soccer field at the park - *O'Reilly and Davis*
Five-Year Park Plan – *Greening, Nagle and O'Reilly*
Seek grants for future projects – *Greening, Nagle and O'Reilly*
New equipment for play structure area – *Wilms*
Heat restrooms – *Harmon and Schmitt*
Irrigate area around pavilion – *Harmon and Schmitt*
Plan for 50th anniversary of Beverly Hills in 2008 – *Council*

Public Works Director Meszler reported that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has \$3 million worth of matching (25%) grants available. Their focus is on purchase of land for public recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation. Meszler thought that Riverside Park may qualify for grant funding on the basis of natural resource protection.

Municipalities that apply for MNRTF money must have a Five-Year Recreation Plan that fits their framework and is adopted by the DEQ before the request for funding is considered. It was noted that a Village Five-Year Park Plan must go through the public hearing process and be adopted by Council.

Council Liaison Oen stated that he received information on grants available in the state from State Representative Chuck Moss. There were grants listed that appeared to be a fit for Beverly Hills. Grant applications require that a municipality have a Five Year Plan in place.

STATUS OF COURTS

O'Reilly did not have an update on the status of the basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. He will be in contact with Meszler about these projects.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Oen reiterated that he obtained information on available state grants following the joint meeting of Council and the Parks and Recreation Board. He expressed that the view that the Village will need assistance with drafting a Five Year Recreation Plan.

It was mentioned at the joint meeting that Beverly Hills is part of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Council member Woodrow suggested that a representative of the Village contact the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber and request that it advertise Beverly Hills summer concerts on their web site and also pursue sponsorship of concerts from member businesses. Nagle will work with Oen on using this means to publicize summer concerts and to seek additional funding.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Meszler reported on grant availability earlier in the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were comments on the success of Winter Family Fun Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**Jim O'Reilly, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary**