

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

Absent: Nagle

Also Present: Council President, Stearn

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

On page 3 under Board comments, paragraph 2, correct the spelling of name Bill Kondak.

Motion by Greening, second by Davis, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on September 20, 2007 be approved as amended.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Nelson of 32311 Sheridan suggested that private donations to the park be designated towards a specific item. Nelson remarked that he understood the reasons for canceling the concert series next summer, but was disappointed because the event brings people in the community together. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for organizing the concerts in past years.

STATUS OF BOY SCOUT PROJECTS IN THE PARK

O'Reilly stated that there were two Eagle Scout projects ongoing in the park. The renovation of the volleyball court was completed. The Boy Scout and his helpers enclosed the court with a wood border and added four yards of sand to the playing surface. O'Reilly thought that more sand may be needed on the court, noting that funds have been allocated towards the purchase of additional sand for the project. The Scout has submitted his expenses to the Village for payment, and they are well within the amount allocated to cover the cost of material.

The Boy Scout who is constructing the sound garden is partially completed with the project. O'Reilly reported on the status of that project and noted that the individual has indicated that the percussion park will be completed by Thanksgiving.

DISCUSSION OF BEVERLY PARK SURVEY NEEDED FOR MASTER PLAN

At the last Board meeting, there was discussion of ideas and suggestions to include in a five year park master plan. A draft plan was to be updated and prepared for distribution and review by Board members. O'Reilly and Greening met with staff member Erin Saur, at which time it was ascertained that the State requires that a survey be conducted to determine the wishes of residents in terms of park facilities. The master plan will include a narrative on what has been accomplished and what the Village intends to do in the park. The five year plan should also incorporate information about what other recreational programs and facilities are available in the community. The plan must be finalized by early spring.

Saur provided the Board with proposed survey questions for consideration. There are 11 questions and a space for comments. Board members reviewed the draft questionnaire and had no additions or deletions. It was decided to put the questionnaire on one sheet and insert it into the Villager Newsletter that will be mailed to all Beverly Hills residents in early December. The survey can be accessed on the Village web site and be completed electronically. The deadline for returning the survey online or by mail will be December 31, 2007. Survey results will be tabulated by the chairperson and another member of the Board.

DISCUSSION OF IDEAS/PREPARATION FOR WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Bill Kondak distributed a list of potential activities for the January 20, 2008 Winter Family Fun Day. He asked for a consensus in terms of which of the activities should be part of the event based on past experiences. Board members were in agreement to the following activities: sledding/tobogganing, ice skating (open skating, Score-O, and curling), snowshoeing, snow cave, winter golf, warming fire at the pavilion, and refreshments (hot chocolate and cookies). Winter softball will be added if there is interest among the participants. Todd Stearn suggested that Village board and committee members challenge members of the public safety department to a softball game.

Other details in terms of preparation for the event and monitoring of activities were discussed. Kondak asked for volunteers from the Board to help with activities. Pat Greening offered to provide the hot chocolate and cookies. It was suggested that Starbucks be approached to provide coffee on that day. If the Cub Scout Klondike event is scheduled to take place in the park on the day before the Winter Family Fun Day, it was suggested that the scouts should be discouraged from using the firewood stacked and reserved for the community event.

Kondak will write a brief article publicizing the Winter Family Fun Day to include in the December Villager newsletter.

DISCUSSION OF PREPARATION FOR HALLOWEEN HOOT

Greening stated that Terri Stearn will be organizing the Halloween Hoot this year. Todd Stearn mentioned that they are short on exhibitors. There was discussion of the schedule for Hoot events. O'Reilly asked Parks and Recreation Board members to be available on Sunday, October 28 to assist with the Halloween Hoot.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Council liaison Oen was not present. Todd Stearn remarked that Council is being told that too much money is being spent on the park and everywhere else. He encouraged the Board to prepare a well thought out five-year plan for the park, which is a necessity for obtaining grant funds.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Board members questioned the status of tennis court bids. O'Reilly related that he spoke with Tom Meszler, who stated that bid specifications are being prepared and will go to Council for approval.

BOARD COMMENTS

Members of the Board had comments on the Halloween Hoot and voiced their anticipation of the event.

Greening hoped that Board members plan to be at the Halloween Hoot to assist with the topping and gutting of pumpkins. Help is also needed with cleanup at the end of the day. She thanked Dave Taylor and Gary Grabowski for their work on the renovating the gazebo.

O'Reilly reminded everyone of the Friday, October 26 deadline for accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Tammy Wilms. If Board members know of anyone who would be a suitable candidate, they should encourage them to submit an application to the Village. Council will consider applications and make an appointment at its November 6 meeting.

Motion by Davis, second by Kondak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion passed.