

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

Absent: None

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 18, 2008

Motion by Schmitt, second by Arvant, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on September 18, 2008 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN HOOT

Greening stated that volunteers are needed on the morning of Sunday, October 26 between 9 and 10 a.m. for unloading and gutting the pumpkins. Help with cleaning up after the event would also be appreciated.

STATUS OF TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS

O'Reilly reported that the old tennis court fencing came down today, and the contractor will install the new fencing next week. This is the contractor who had previously indicated that he could not do the work at the cost quoted due to price increases. He will be doing the work at the bid price.

DISCUSS PRIORITIES/PLANS FOR BALANCE OF AVAILABLE MILLAGE FUNDS

O'Reilly stated that there is approximately \$63,000 remaining in the park dedicated millage fund. The Board targeted \$40,000 for renovation of the south baseball diamond. Council authorized administration to go out for bids on improvements to the south ball field at its October 7, 2008 meeting. There will be about \$23,000 left in the park fund after this work. The Board talked about using that money for landscaping along the sides of the sled hill and to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer disease. O'Reilly asked Board members if they had other ideas for use of the remaining millage money.

Schmitt suggested using available funds to irrigate the lawn between the pavilion and the playground to improve the appearance of the grassy area. Whatever money remains could be used for landscaping.

Greening would like to see compost spread around and seeded in the low area between the pavilion and the woods. This should be done in the spring and the fall. She would also like to have the lawn area irrigated.

O'Reilly asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to look into the cost of these projects. Davis and Schmitt will research the cost of irrigation in the park.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK FOR 2009

O'Reilly prefaced this agenda item by saying that concerts in the park will not occur this summer unless the millage cap restoration ballot proposal is approved by the electorate in November.

Nagle and Arvant have been working on ideas to make concerts in the park more of a dynamic event. Nagle reported on meetings with business owners from Brady's and from Market Fresh. Both owners were supportive in terms of supplying or preparing and selling food in lieu of donating \$2,000 towards a concert. Market Fresh people suggested holding a raffle; they offered the use of their electronic sign to advertise the concerts.

Nagle mentioned that she contacted Council liaison Todd Stearn, who did not support the idea of music in the park based on recent low attendance. By next month, the election results will be available and the Parks and Recreation Board will decide how to proceed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEY FOR A. BUSCH

There were no objections to the large group event planning application from A. Busch for October 18, 2008.

LIAISON COMMENTS

The Council liaison was not present.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

There was no one present representing administration.

BOARD COMMENTS

Greening asked if anyone had volunteered to be in charge of the fire pit at the Halloween Hoot. This could be an assignment for a responsible Eagle Scout.

Davis suggested adding plantings around the gazebo. Arvant stated that she is looking forward to the Halloween Hoot.

Schmitt recognized Manager Chris Wilson for reaching out and cooperating with surrounding communities. Kondak commented that he has received no requests from Eagle Scout candidates for project ideas in the last month.

O'Reilly reported that Council approved going out for bids for the south baseball field. The deadline for receiving articles for the next Villager newsletter is October 31. This would be an opportunity to include an article publicizing the Winter Family Fun Day on January 25th. O'Reilly informed the Board that the West Beverly Hills homeowners association is donating a picnic table to Beverly Park.

O'Reilly reminded people to vote on November 4. Beverly Hills residents will vote on Council members and a millage cap restoration ballot proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.