

Present: Chairperson Kondak; Vice-Chairperson O'Reilly; Members: Arvant, Ross and Schmitt

Absent: Davis and Greening

Also: Alternate Council liaison, Koss

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

There was agreement to add an item 10A to consider canceling the August Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A JOINT COUNCIL/PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2010

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Arvant, that the minutes of a joint meeting of Council and the Parks and Recreation Board held on June 17, 2010 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gill Mandip from Huntley Square Apartments suggested that it would improve the appearance of Beverly Park if the Village removed fallen trees in the forested area. He also proposed locating a fountain in the park.

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY GARDEN

Matt Roman of 32021 Weston Drive provided an update on his proposal for establishing a Beverly Hills Community Garden in the park. He informed the Board that his group has located and secured an alternate location for a community garden at the Beverly United Methodist Church at the corner of 13 Mile and Evergreen Roads.

Roman was present to clarify the position of the Parks and Recreation Board regarding Beverly Park deed restrictions and Village Master Plan considerations raised at a previous meeting. He thought it was important to establish whether or not a community garden was inconsistent with park deed restrictions in the event that a similar proposal was submitted. Roman and others organizing the community garden reviewed the deed restrictions and master plan and did not think that their proposal would conflict with those documents. Roman asked Board members to comment on this issue.

O'Reilly understood that there was no longer a proposal before the Board for a community garden. The Parks and Recreation Board was not in a position to render legal opinions on hypothetical situations. Schmitt added that the issue is moot, and he congratulated Roman on locating an alternate site.

REQUEST FROM BEVERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HOLD THE LONGEST LEMONADE STAND AT BEVERLY PARK ON AUGUST 20, 2011

Monica Mercer of 17400 Locherbie was present on behalf of Beverly Elementary School to provide information on a request to use Beverly Park for an event scheduled for next summer. Beverly Elementary School has submitted a proposal to the Guinness Book of World Records outlining a new record attempt to build the “Longest Lemonade Stand” ever assembled. The record-setting attempt would occur on Saturday, August 20, 2011, which is National Lemonade Day. This idea was conceived by Beverly Hills resident Pat Liebler, who could not be present tonight.

Mercer presented an overview of the event proposed to take place in Beverly Park. The Lemonade Stand would have a modular design so that various groups or classes could create their own five foot section with overall design parameters. In addition to school groups and families, businesses will be invited to create their own section of lemonade stand. The scope of the project is broad at this time and may eventually be modified.

There is no existing Guinness Record for Longest Lemonade Stand, which guarantees success at some level. It is believed that the record attempt could draw financial support while providing a valuable learning tool for teachers and kids. Achieving the record would create a sense of pride and accomplishment for all those involved.

Mercer said the preference is to use the park rather than a school location. While this is a Beverly School event, it is a community event as well. Approvals have been received from the Beverly School PTA, the School principal, and from Marcia Wilkinson, Director of Community Relations for Birmingham Public Schools.

Questions from Board members were addressed by Mercer. This will be a one-day event on August 20, 2011. Beverly School will be requesting the use of the entire park in order to set up as many five foot lemonade stands as possible. Any cost to the Village would be covered by a percentage of the revenue received from the event. Mercer understood that the scope of the event needs to be narrowed with a definite plan submitted to the Village for approval. The intent of presenting the idea at this meeting was to attain a sense of the Board on the concept and to field their questions and concerns in order to prepare a comprehensive proposal.

Koss thought that the Longest Lemonade Stand was a great idea. She mentioned that Council approval is required to waive the prohibition on sales in the park.

Schmitt questioned whether advertising by corporate sponsors would be limited. Mercer anticipated limiting sponsors to advertising only in their lemonade stand area. She will provide additional information on this subject.

Board members suggested that the organizers of this event review the Village municipal code to determine restrictions on use of the park. Beverly School representatives should return with a more detailed plan to present to the Parks and Recreation Board.

The Parks and Recreation Board had no objections to this event occurring in Beverly Park subject to the organizers providing specific information on the event and assurance that the proposal complies with ordinance restrictions. The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously recommended that Council direct Village administration to reserve the date of August 20, 2011 for use by Beverly Elementary School pending further review and approval.

PICNIC IN THE PARK UPDATE

Arvant stated that the Picnic in the Park is scheduled for next Wednesday, July 21 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. Oakland County Parks and Recreation will provide its Mobile Recreation Unit called “Old School Playground Program” and will have people available to run the games from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Wide Open West (new cable, Internet and phone service provider in the Village) will sponsor a staffed ice cream truck offering free ice cream to those who attend the picnic. The Board was in agreement to allow WOW to display a sign on the ice cream truck. The ice cream and all the activities are free.

Koss recalled that there is a Village ordinance that restricts ice cream trucks in the park. She will contact the Village Manager regarding this and get back with Arvant.

REVIEW PAVILION RENTAL FEES AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Board members are in receipt of materials prepared by Clerk Ellen Marshall to assist with their review of pavilion rental fees. The information provided includes a calculation of 2009 park pavilion rentals and money raised, a comparison showing rates for pavilion/shelter rentals charged by neighboring communities, the Village’s 2010 Resident and Non-Resident Fee Schedule, and rules governing pavilion and large group usage.

The Parks and Recreation Board discussed the pavilion rental fee schedule and whether rates should be increased. Approval of revised rates must be approved by Council by October in order for the new fee schedule to be published in the 2011 Village Calendar.

An item of discussion was whether businesses in the community should be given resident status in terms of pavilion rental, which is a common practice in municipalities. It was the sense of the Board to consider business owners as residents when renting the pavilion for a business function; employees of local businesses would not receive resident status for pavilion rental other than for a business function. Businesses in Beverly Hills would pay the resident rate for pavilion rental for business functions and would be able to reserve the pavilion on the first Wednesday in March.

Kondak related that he spoke with Manager Chris Wilson, who indicated that administration did not review pavilion rental fees in terms of increasing rates to meet expenses. It was the sense of the Board to request a recommendation from administration on the fee schedule before submitting a proposal to Council on a rate increase for 2011.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O’Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Beverly Hills business owners or their representatives receive resident status for park pavilion rental for business functions.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

UPDATE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Andrew Hausman, Scout from Troop 1024, presented a proposal at the last meeting to construct a sandbox in the playground area as his Eagle Scout project. At the conclusion of the June meeting, Board members walked over to the playground area with Hausman to discuss a potential location for the sandbox. A spot was recommended within the wood chip area. The Scout will submit a proposal for Board approval before proceeding with the project.

UPDATE ON LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Schmitt reported that Goldner Walsh Nursery provided the names of two irrigation companies. One firm did not respond; the other firm estimated a cost of \$4,500 to irrigate specified areas of Beverly Park. Board members agreed that the next step should be to request that administration prepare specifications and solicit bids for irrigating approximately .75 acres of the park for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The scope of area to be irrigated is the front lawn: from the parking lot to the play area and from the fence to the pavilion. The area from the pavilion to the woods is a wet area.

Motion by Ross, second by Arvant, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council solicit bids to irrigate the front lawn portion of the park bounded by the pavilion, the fence along Beverly Road, the parking lot, and the playground area for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Funding will come from the dedicated park millage money.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

Schmitt stated that the park ranger did a good job of removing invasive crown vetch from the garden area near the playground. The area requires landscape fabric and wood chips so the crown vetch does not return. Board member Davis obtained a cost estimate from Goldner Walsh Nursery to clean out the flower beds in the park, cultivate, and put down wood chips for \$350. Schmitt thought that this was a good rate for labor and material.

Kondak added that Goldner Walsh should be asked to come out and evaluate some of the material they planted last fall that is under guarantee.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that, pending review by administration, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that Goldner Walsh be contacted to weed, cultivate, and apply wood chips to the flower beds in Beverly Park by the playground and gazebo areas at a cost not to exceed \$350.00. Funds will come from the Park Maintenance Fund.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

Kondak observed that the two grills in the park are rusted and in poor condition. His research indicates that both grills can be replaced at a cost of \$700. Board members concurred that grills should be available in the park for use by residents and that the two grills should be replaced using park maintenance funds.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Arvant, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that administration replace the two grills in the park in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 from the Park Maintenance Budget.

Motion passed (5 - 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER TWO LARGE GROUP SURVEYS

There were no objections to the large group event planning forms.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

O'Reilly nominated Bill Kondak for the position of chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board. Kondak accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Kondak was elected chairperson by acclamation.

Kondak nominated Cynthia Arvant as Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board. Arvant accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Arvant was elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

CONSIDER CANCELATION OF AUGUST MEETING

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the August Parks and Recreation Board meeting pending no urgent business.

Motion by Kondak, second by Schmitt, to cancel the August 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

The September meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the Board's annual pot luck dinner. Irene Davis will be asked to organize the dinner.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Koss commented that she appreciated the work of the Parks and Recreation Board.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Schmitt thanked Chris Wilson for securing a new flag for Beverly Park. Schmitt proposed that a new flag be purchased and installed prior to each Memorial Day. Schmitt congratulated Cynthia Arvant on her election as vice-chair of the Parks and Recreation Board and on her position as new magistrate of 46th District Court.

Ross thanked Arvant for all her work on organizing the Picnic in the Park. Arvant said that she was looking forward to the Picnic in the Park next Wednesday. She will attend the July 20 Council meeting to remind people of the event during community announcements.

O'Reilly congratulated Arvant for joining Parks and Recreation Board administration and on her magistrate position in 46th District Court. Kondak thanked the Board for its support and for his re-election as chairperson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.