

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

Absent: Kondak

Also Present: Village Clerk/Asst. Manager, Marshall
Council liaison, Mooney

Vice-Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 20, 2011

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on January 20, 2011 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GROVES AMNESTY/ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB TO HOLD A DOG AND CAT ADOPTION EVENT/DOG WALK FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 AT BEVERLY PARK

Austin Kue and Anisha Glanton were present representing the Groves High School Amnesty/Animal Rights Club. They requested the use of Beverly Park on May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for an adoption and dog walk fundraiser for two local animal rescues. The event will benefit House of Critters and Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescues.

The walk would take place along the trail in Beverly Park with water stations spaced along the route for both dogs and their owners. Waste disposal bags will be provided and volunteers will ensure proper waste disposal. An adoption event will be held after the walk sponsored by the Paws-n-Claws and House of Critters Animal Rescues. Other activities will be a pet competition and a raffle for the participants with proceeds going to the animal rescues. It was understood that animals are not allowed in and around the pavilion nor the playground area.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the Groves High School Dog Walk Fundraiser to benefit House of Critters and Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescues on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and waiver of the park rental fees.

Questions from Board members were addressed by Kue and Glanton. Clerk Marshall mentioned that it may be necessary to obtain a State license to hold a raffle.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARK HOURS AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Marshall related that Kent Mirabito on Norwood, who lives across from Riverside Park, has contacted the Village with concerns about the hours of operation. Riverside Park hours are governed by Village Ordinance 6.05, which states that Village parks are to remain open until 10 p.m.

The resident's concern is that people use the park as a congregation point in the cold weather months when it is dark long before 10 p.m. He maintains that Riverside Park is sometimes misused and cites littering, disorderly conduct, loud noise and music, and vehicular traffic at night. Mr. Mirabito indicated that he recently experienced the theft of a vehicle from his property. He is requesting that parking regulations at Riverside Park be changed to "no parking after dark" and that the current signage be revised or modified to reflect the change.

Marshall spoke with the Village Attorney who thought that a Traffic Control Order could be issued and a sign erected to restrict parking to daylight hours. The Parks and Recreation Board members were asked for their input.

Board members discussed this resident's request for restricted parking at Riverside Park. It was mentioned that these hours have been in effect for a number of years. Members were in agreement that the Park Ordinance should not be amended to change the hours of operation. The Board discussed whether there were any objections to Administration posting a sign restricting parking at Riverside Park. It was clarified that whether this public park was used by residents or non residents was no concern of the Village.

Council liaison Mooney expressed the view that restricting parking may lead to requests from area residents for no parking at all at Riverside Park. He asserted that activity in the area is observed regularly by public safety officers that patrol this major residential street.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, to table discussion of park hours at Riverside Park until next month's meeting pending further input and information.

Ayes – Arvant, O'Reilly, Ross, Schmitt

Nays – Davis and Greening

Motion passed (4 – 2).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC CLUB FOR USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS DURING THE 2011 SEASON

Resident Brian Gijbers, tennis director for Beverly Hills Athletic Club, requested to reserve the tennis courts at Beverly Park again this summer for 18 days during the months of June and July. It is anticipated that the Club will have as many if not more kids on the tennis team this year. Last year there were 160 kids on the tennis team with another 100 younger kids in clinics. The BHAC has four tennis courts. It requires the use of two extra courts at Beverly Park to accommodate the young people who want to play tennis.

This year's request is for each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for six consecutive weeks beginning Monday, June 20 and concluding Wednesday, July 27.

Gijsbers has submitted a written application to the Village Clerk for the use of the courts. He mentioned that the BHAC intends to make a donation to the Village again for the opportunity to reserve the tennis courts.

Arvant commented that this is similar to the request before the Village last year with the addition of three days to the permit. She did not recall receiving any complaints last year from people wanting to use the courts during the times that they were reserved.

Motion by Ross, second by Davis, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the tennis courts to Beverly Hills Athletic Club on a limited basis at the discretion of Village Administration.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

O'Reilly stated that an article about the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival will appear in the upcoming Villager newsletter. He has discussed plans for the carnival with the people at Galactic Transport, the vendor providing rides and games. O'Reilly contacted Sylvia Granader about serving as Grand Marshal this year. Mrs. Granader said that she would have been honored, but she will be out of town again during that time. Board members suggested other individuals for this position and agreed to ask former Council President and veteran Andy Wong.

O'Reilly stated that he is in the process of updating the list of businesses that will be sent solicitation letters requesting sponsorship or other involvement. He asked Clerk Marshall to contact Oakland County to reserve a show mobile before committing groups to perform during the carnival. Preliminary plans for the Carnival are progressing.

DISCUSS SUCCESS OF WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY 2011

Ross reported on a successful Winter Family Fun Day and a great turnout. The S'More booth handled by WOW Cable was popular. Everyone enjoyed the snow cave, curling, ice skating, and golf. There was a total of \$60 spent from budgeted funds; donations were received in the amount of \$16. Ross thanked everyone for their help.

UPDATE ON SUMMER PARK ACTIVITY

Movie Night

Arvant reviewed that the Board has talked about the idea of having a "Dinner and a Movie" night in the park this summer. She has been in contact with an individual from Stardust Theatre Rental in Brighton, who is willing to work with the Parks and Recreation Board on this event. The idea is for residents to bring a picnic dinner to the park and watch a movie. Movie style concessions could be made available.

It was suggested that the movie night be held in August when it gets dark earlier. This company comes out and provides the movie screen, audio, and a person to set up and remove the equipment. It is a 24 ft. diagonal screen. The Parks and Recreation Board will be responsible for obtaining licensing to show the movie publicly; the vendor will refer the Board to a company. The cost estimate for securing a movie, depending on the selection, is \$250-\$450 for licensing

rights. It was suggested that this cost could be sponsored by an individual or business. Stardust Theatre Rental would prepare a spot where the sponsor's logo comes up on the screen prior to the movie.

The cost for Stardust Theatre Rental to come out and set up the screen is \$595 plus \$20-\$40 for mileage. The individual Arvant spoke with offered the Parks and Recreation Board a 10% discount if Arvant friended him on Facebook. The total cost of the event would be \$830-\$1,000 depending on whether the Board locates a sponsor to pick up the cost of the movie.

Arvant questioned whether the movie night should be held on a weekday or weekend. The company provides the option of a rain day if the movie is scheduled on a week day. She asked if there is funding available or if unused money allocated for Winter Family Fun Day could be applied to this community event. The Board should decide whether to attempt to obtain sponsorship for the movie. Movie style concessions are available through Stardust Theater Rental.

There was a consensus to have the movie night on a week day. The date of Wednesday, August 24 with a rain day of August 25 will be pursued. The Parks and Recreation Board will seek a sponsor for the cost of the movie.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board request authorization from Council to proceed with planning for a Movie Night in Beverly Park to be held in August, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 coming from unused funds budgeted for the Winter Family Fun Day.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

World's Longest Lemonade Stand

Arvant stated that a park activity planned for Saturday, August 20 is "The World's Longest Lemonade Stand". Individuals were present at a July 2010 Parks and Recreation Board meeting to pitch the idea and save the date pending further review and approval. The group would like to attend the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting to present specific details.

Arvant related that this is an attempt to acquire a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for assembling the longest lemonade stand. The idea was conceived by Beverly Hills resident Pat Liebler. Guinness has certified their request to do this; the group is assured of success because there is no other existing record for a lemonade stand. Their plan for the Lemonade Stand calls for a modular design so that various groups or classes could sponsor their own five foot section with overall design parameters. They are looking at major corporate sponsorships. The proposal was initially from Beverly School but has developed into more of a district-wide event.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, to ask Administration to reserve Saturday, August 20 for the "World's Longest Lemonade Stand" event in Beverly Park pending further discussion and information.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

UPDATE ON DISC GOLF COURSE

O'Reilly distributed a 12-page proposal for a Disc Golf Course at Beverly Park. O'Reilly met with John Minicuci, president of a disc golf club called Motor City Chain Gang, and walked the park to determine whether there is space for 6 or 9 holes.

Mr. Minicuci has prepared a tentative proposal for laying out a disc golf course through Beverly Park. Material distributed to Board members includes a tentative course design, cost estimates, information on baskets and basket installation, tee pad installation, and other tasks. The cost would range from \$8,100 and \$9,900 depending on whether cement or natural tee pads are installed. There may be additional labor costs for the course, which could add \$2,000-\$3,000. O'Reilly suggested that installing the tee pads may be a project for Eagle Scout candidates. He noted that the cost estimate is under the original \$15,000 projection.

O'Reilly stated that disc golf is a year-round sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. There is no charge to play disc golf. Tournaments take place every weekend throughout various parks. The course in Beverly Park would be geared more towards family activity as opposed to a professional, competitive course.

O'Reilly proposed that this is an idea that the Parks and Recreation Board should pursue and construct by the end of the year. A disc golf course would increase the recreation aspect of Parks and Recreation. He will follow up with John Minicuci as far as a more specific design. There is money in the park millage fund if the cost is between \$8,000-\$13,000. It was the sense of the Board to pursue the idea of a disc golf course.

CHANGE MARCH MEETING DATE

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Ross, to move the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board in March from Thursday, March 17 to Wednesday, March 16.

Ayes – Arvant, Davis, O'Reilly, Ross and Schmitt

Nays - Greening

Motion passed (5 – 1).

LIAISON COMMENTS

Council liaison Mooney asked Clerk Marshall to place the request of Groves Amnesty/Animal Rights Club and the request of Beverly Hills Athletic Club for use of park tennis courts on the agenda for the first Council meeting in March. Other items he requested to be placed on the next agenda were as follows: Authorize administration to conduct a safety inspection of the park playground equipment at a cost not to exceed \$1,000; authorize safety inspection of the park pavilion at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, and; authorize administration to conduct an inspection of the interior and exterior Beverly Park fencing at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Mooney commented that the complaints from people on Norwood, Sunnyslope and Evergreen regarding Riverside Park is a sensitive issue. He questioned whether serious problems exist in this area that is patrolled regularly by public safety officers. Mooney thanked Board members for all they did on the Winter Family Fun Day.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall informed the Board that the March Villager newsletter is posted on the Village web site.

Marshall informed the Board of a communication from Kensington Church about holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Beverly Park on April 16 with a request to bring an inflatable into the park. She asked Board members if there were any concerns with bringing an inflatable obstacle course into the park on that day. It was noted that the ground would be soft that time of year. There followed discussion on the proposal. Board member O'Reilly volunteered to be present on the day to oversee the proper placement of the inflatable.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ross, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council approve the request of Kensington Church to hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Beverly Park on Sunday, April 16, 2011 and allow the use of a properly placed inflatable as authorized by administration.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

BOARD COMMENTS

Greening commented that she was sorry to see Todd Stearn resign from Council. He will be missed by the community.

Ross thanked everyone for their help on the Winter Family Fun Day. She announced that John Mooney had the longest drive on the winter golf range. O'Reilly added that Mooney came closest to a hole in one in the 12 years of the winter golf event.

O'Reilly thanked administration for acquiring a new banner for the Memorial Day Carnival. He acknowledged Dave Hinman in the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.