

Present: Chairperson Kondak; Members: Davis, Greening, O'Reilly, Ross and Schmitt

Absent: Arvant

Also Present: Village Clerk/Asst. Manager, Marshall

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2011

On page 5, under "Update on Disc Golf Course", the name 'Dan James' should be changed to 'John Minicuci' the three times that it appears.

Motion by Davis, second by O'Reilly, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on February 17, 2011 be approved as amended.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

ADD ITEM TO AGENDA

Kondak asked to add an item on the agenda, "Beverly Hills Little League Ball Diamond Updates". This will be Agenda Item #4. The item to discuss the movie/dinner summer park activity will be postponed to the next meeting when Arvant can be in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

O'Reilly updated the sponsor solicitation list to include 192 area businesses. Administration sent out letters during the first week of March soliciting contributions from various companies and individuals towards the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. O'Reilly reported that \$800 in contributions has been received to date. An article publicizing the Memorial Day festivities appeared in the recent edition of the Villager Newsletter.

O'Reilly contacted resident Andy Wong about serving as Grand Marshal of the Parade. Mr. Wong has an obligation to run a Memorial Day event as Commander of his Amvets post. If his Vice-Commander can organize the event, Wong will be honored to serve as Grand Marshal. O'Reilly also spoke with Village resident Jim Peters, who was a First Lieutenant in the Air Force during WWII.

O'Reilly reported on finalized plans for rides and games. A show mobile was reserved for the day through Oakland County Parks. The Straw Hat Band will play during the afternoon; additional entertainment will be pursued.

Greening offered to be in charge of buying and selling water at the carnival again this year. Ross is working on the volunteers for the day. Arvant will report on plans for the food court at an upcoming meeting. The Board discussed how to handle advertising requests from sponsors.

BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE BALL DIAMOND UPDATES

Dave Fabbri, field director for Beverly Hills Little League, presented a proposal for improvements that the Little League would like to make to the Beverly Park baseball diamonds. He distributed handouts with a diagram of the two fields indicating the location of the south diamond bullpen and the anticipated location of a north diamond bullpen. Fabbri described the installation of a home plate and pitching rubber on the other side of the fence from the south diamond bullpen.

Board members questioned the amount of room available in that area. Fabbri responded that the proposed location is within foul territory. He was concerned with having a bullpen where people walk and small children run around. The Parks and Recreation Board recommended that Administration work with Dave Fabbri to establish the location of a bull pen for the north diamond.

Fabbri summarized a proposal to install a fence cap on only the foul line fences at the north and south ball diamonds. It will be the same yellow fence cap that Groves and Seaholm varsity fields use. A fence trimmed with fence cap is safer for players than exposed fence top and helps define field areas. Fabbri described where the cap would be placed on the fields. The fence cap would be paid for by the Little League and would be installed by volunteers.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Ross, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend acceptance of the generous donation of the Beverly Hills Little League towards improvement to both baseball diamonds in the park including fence cap on the foul line fences and the addition of a bull pen in the area of the north diamond.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Fabbri commented that a couple of the Little League coaches have questioned whether there are any plans to improve the condition of the flagpole in the area of the ball diamonds. The coaches would like to raise the flag for opening day and All-Star game ceremonies. O'Reilly responded that there are no immediate plans to improve that flag pole.

DISCUSS WORLD'S LONGEST LEMONADE STAND

Patrick Liebler stated that he and parents from Beverly Elementary School have submitted an application to build the world's longest lemonade stand, which was accepted by the Guinness Book of World Records. The suggested implementation day is Saturday, August 20, 2011, which is also National Lemonade Day. The sponsoring group has since expanded from Beverly School to as many people within the Birmingham School District as possible. Liebler thanked the Village for reserving Beverly Park for this event, contingent upon further discussion.

The approach will be to assemble the lemonade stand in modular fashion. Four-foot sections of the lemonade stand will be developed in kits and sold for an amount in excess of the \$18 cost in order to benefit the Birmingham School District. The stands will be assembled and decorated by the participants.

On the day of the event, people will bring their sections of the lemonade stand to Beverly Park at a specific time, probably between 10 a.m. and noon. Each of the stands will be placed along side each other using a hinged arm that will flop over the adjacent stand. Some kits will have a swivel

mechanism to account for any turns. The original submittal to Guinness suggested a total length of 500 feet for the lemonade stand, which is very achievable. They would like to sell 500 stand kits, which would be 2,600 feet of lemonade stand.

Liebler mentioned that another group in Toledo has picked up on the idea and will try to set the record for the longest lemonade stand one month prior to the Birmingham Schools' effort. The Birmingham School District group would attempt to top their record. The effort is organized and there are a lot of volunteers behind it. There is momentum and enthusiasm both in the Beverly Hills community and in the region.

Liebler requested the use of Beverly Park for the entire day on Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The stands will be set up, and lemonade would probably be sold for an hour. Liebler clarified that the participants would ask for a donation as opposed to selling lemonade. There will be a specific time, maybe 1:30 p.m., when the structure is declared to be the world's longest lemonade stand for the record. The record they are going for is not for selling lemonade or being open for the longest period of time.

Immediately after setting the record, the concept will transform into something between a carnival and an art fair. There will be a bounce house in the park, crafts, and games. It is proposed to allow merchants to show their wares and use their stands to distribute pamphlets or merchandise to people who are on site. Liebler asked if there were restrictions on conducting commerce in the park if the pet store in Beverly Hills, for example, wanted to sell items. Consideration is being given to selling a commercial stand at a higher donation. Liebler was informed by the Board that sales in the park are not allowed without Council approval.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Longest Lemonade Stand group to assemble the longest lemonade stand in Beverly Park on Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and seek donations for lemonade from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Rental fees for use of the pavilion will be waived.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS

The issue of parking was raised for a group of 150 persons. There were no objections to the large group event planning forms from Andrews and Oen.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall informed the Board that the Village received a request from an organization called "ComePlayDetroit" to start a league in Beverly Park from the middle of May through August on weekdays between 6-10 pm. ComePlayDetroit organizes various recreational leagues where participants play at the best indoor facilities and outdoor parks that Metro Detroit has to offer. The group is looking to put together leagues for sand volleyball, kickball, tennis, flag football, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, and dodgeball. ComePlayDetroit is asking whether the Village could provide the use of Beverly Park for league play on weekday evenings in the summer.

Board members considered the request and concluded that there are no fields available for kickball, football, Frisbee, soccer or dodgeball during the spring and summer. The baseball fields are used during those times. The tennis courts will be used by the general public. Sand volleyball was considered as a possibility, but it was indicated that the volleyball courts are heavily used from 6-10 pm. The Board did not think the Village could accommodate ComePlayDetroit due to active use of the park by residents and others.

Marshall reminded the Board that Public Services Director Tom Meszler, who is a part-time employee, will be gone for the entire month of April. Meszler has indicated that he will be working on bid specifications for the park irrigation system. The bids will be sent out during the first part of May.

A representative from Kensington Community Church made an additional request at Tuesday's Council meeting in connection with the Easter Egg Hunt in Beverly Park. The church asked to bring in a climbing wall and euro bungee for the April 16 event, which was approved by the Village Council. Jim O'Reilly has volunteered to go out to the park on that day and monitor the placement of those items.

Marshall informed the Board that the movie night in the park was confirmed for Wednesday, August 24 with a rain date of Thursday, August 25.

Marshall reported that the two individuals who worked as park attendants for the last couple of years will not be returning this summer. Resident Drew Steffes will be one of the new park attendants. Marshall is looking for another person to work about 15 hours a week, usually morning hours. She is open to recommendations.

Schmitt informed Marshall that the parking lot is in need of resurfacing. He requested that Tom Meszler take another look at it.

BOARD COMMENTS

O'Reilly stated that he talked to John Minicuci about locating a disc golf course in Beverly Park. He will be coming out within the next two weeks to get a better idea of the layout of the park. Minicuci has provided O'Reilly with a list of companies that provide the equipment for disc golf play.

Kondak reported that, at its March 1 meeting, Council authorized administration to seek proposals for inspecting the playground equipment, pavilion, and fencing in Beverly Park. Kondak thanked Council for its support. Marshall added that Jon Oen is acquainted with contractors who will assist with these inspections at little or no cost to the Village.

Ross thanked Council for its support with respect to safety inspections of park facilities and equipment. Greening thanked John Mooney for putting the Board's request for park safety inspections before Council for consideration.

Schmitt suggested that the Village send electronic meeting packets to the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.