

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

Absent: Ross and Schmitt

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall  
Council Liaison, Mooney

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 JOINT COUNCIL/PARKS & REC BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2011**

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Arvant, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on June 16, 2011 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Greening thanked those who added soil and mulch to the bank of the pond near the park bench. Kondak said that scouts constructing the sandbox dug out dirt from the site and moved it to the low area alongside the pond. Don Greening also commended Drew Steffes, park ranger, for his work in Beverly Park.

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire commented on the wonderful job Andrew Hausman did on his Eagle Scout project, which was the sandbox at Beverly Park. She mentioned that Hausman and other scouts raised \$950 for the project by collecting bottles and cans.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK UPDATE**

The movie in the park evening will be held on Wednesday, August 24 with a rain date of Thursday, August 25. The event will begin at 6 p.m. People are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner to the park. There will be an inflatable bounce house for kids to play on before the movie.

Arvant said that the movie will be "Surf's Up" with selected "shorts" (cartoons) showing before the feature. Popcorn will be provided free of charge. There was discussion on logistics and marketing for the event.

**UPDATE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS**

Kondak related that Andrew Hausman, Scout from Troop 1024, did a great job on the sandbox project in Beverly Park. He related some of the construction details. Hausman secured the digger toy from Birmingham Public Schools as a donation; it was in storage and not being used. The digger will be in good shape after a repair to be made by Hausman.

It was mentioned that Andrew's brother Eric constructed the sound garden in the park as part of his Eagle Scout project. When it was discovered that the sound log was broken, Andrew removed the broken piece and will attempt to repair it. The Board appreciated his diligence.

Kondak noted that a couple of scouts have asked about Eagle Scout projects in the park. Suggestions included replacing benches and planting trees. There will be other projects associated with establishing a disc golf course.

#### **UPDATE ON SLED HILL TERRACING**

Davis reported that she has not received the landscape proposal and cost estimates from the representative from Goldner Walsh Nursery for terracing work and planting in the sled hill area. The project will be to terrace the sled hill in order to curtail erosion on both sides of the hill. The planting would not be done until the fall.

#### **CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO INSTALL DISC GOLF COURSE**

O'Reilly provided Board members with an updated map of the proposed disc golf course in Beverly Park. The course was reconfigured so that only three of the nine holes would go through the woods. The map designates the location of each basket and the fairways. The shortest hole is 180 feet; the longest one is 310 feet. O'Reilly said that the intent is to make sure that this has little to no interference with people making use of the park.

O'Reilly reviewed that the Board has talked about the disc golf course, basket design, and cost estimates at previous meetings. He suggested that bids be solicited for installation of the baskets. The cost of course design and basket installation was estimated at \$8,000-\$9,000. He envisions having the Boy Scouts assist with setting up tee pad installation and putting together a map showing the layout of the course. The tee pads will be constructed of timbers in the ground, wood chips, or a grassy area.

Davis expressed the view that the disc golf baskets were unattractive. Greening had several concerns and questions about the game of disc golf and the layout of the course. She questioned whether it would be of interest to Village residents.

O'Reilly said that you can see what the individual holes would look like on a course by viewing the following website: [www.discgolfsce.com/clubs/Motor\\_City\\_Chain\\_Gang](http://www.discgolfsce.com/clubs/Motor_City_Chain_Gang).

Arvant mentioned that there is a huge community of people who play disc golf. People in her neighborhood are interested and have asked when disc golf is coming to Beverly Park. She did not think that publicizing the course would be a concern.

John Mooney suggested that the Board do a thorough job on the tee pads, hole information signs, and map of the course if they choose to proceed with this project. He suggested that the schools or scout groups assist with some of the tasks.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Arvant, to recommend that Council authorize Village Administration to seek bid proposals for the installation of a nine-hole disc golf course in Beverly Park in accordance with the plans and layout presented and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

There was further comments by the Board and member of the audience Dan Nelson.

Ayes – Arvant, Kondak, O'Reilly  
Nays – Davis and Greening  
Motion passed (3 – 2).

### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER LARGE GROUP SURVEYS**

There were no objections to the large group event planning forms from Reibescheid and Apsay.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Kondak called for nominations to the office of Board chairperson. Kondak nominated Cynthia Arvant as chairperson. Davis nominated Bill Kondak to the position of chairperson. Kondak declined the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Cynthia Arvant was elected as chairperson by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Nominations for vice-chair were accepted. Greening nominated Phil Schmitt as vice-chair. Arvant nominated Jim O'Reilly as vice-chairperson. O'Reilly accepted the nomination.

Phil Schmitt received two votes for the position of vice-chair. O'Reilly received four votes and was elected vice-chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board.

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

Council liaison Mooney congratulated Arvant and O'Reilly on their election as chair and vice-chair of the Board. Mooney thanked Bill Kondak for his service as Board chairman.

Mooney suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board consider taking action on replacing benches in Beverly Park that are in a state of disrepair.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Greening, to recommend that Council go out for bids to replace approximately six or seven benches in Beverly Park that are in bad condition in the interest of the safety and welfare of the community; the benches are to be purchased from park maintenance funds.

Motion passed (5 – 0).

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Marshall reported that the sprinkler system was installed at Beverly Park. She thanked John Mooney for his recommendation to have the playground equipment inspected. An individual from the risk department of the Village's insurance company conducted the inspection and provided the Village with a list of items to be addressed. Village staff has taken care of most of the issues. Council member Jon Oen has inspected the pavilion and will be updating the Village on those results.

Marshall stated that she received word that the gazebo was in need of repair and forwarded that information to Comeau's crew.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Davis commented that she appreciated the input of the Council liaison.

Greening stated that she was pleased with everything the scouts have done in the park with the most recent addition being the sandbox.

Kondak remarked that the sandbox was a job well done; it will be great for kids. He congratulated Arvant and O'Reilly on their election as chair and vice-chair.

Kondak noticed that there are weeds coming up on the sled hill steps. Marshall responded that the DPW crew has been addressing this on a regular basis.

O'Reilly congratulated Beverly Hills Little League on winning district champs for the 10/11-year-old division. They are moving on to the regional competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.