

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 21, 2011

Motion by Schmitt, second by Davis, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on July 21, 2011 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Greening thanked the scouts who added soil and mulch around the bench at the pond and observed that it is holding up well.

Janet Mooney congratulated Cindy Arvant on being elected chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Board.

MOVIE IN THE PARK UPDATE

Arvant related that the movie in the park scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 did not occur due to a sudden storm. The event was not canceled because it was sunny until about 7 p.m. Staff from Stardust Rental Company set up the movie screen and sound system before packing everything up when thunder was heard. The company has agreed to come back next summer at a reduced rate. The Board was reimbursed for the popcorn.

The kids who were in the park earlier with their families enjoyed the bounce house provided through a grant from Oakland County Parks and Rec. It was disappointing that the movie could not be shown. Arvant proposed scheduling the event again next year.

UPDATE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Kondak introduced scout Travis Lange from Troop 1024, who presented plans for his Eagle Scout project. Travis proposed building a tennis backboard at the tennis court located at the north end of the park. He provided a detailed description of the project including the dimensions, materials, helpers, costs, and timeline. The estimated cost of the project is \$380. Travis plans to raise money for the backboard by conducting a bottle and can drive. He proposed to do the work on the weekend of September 24-25.

Board members liked the idea. Travis Lange addressed questions on the size of the backboard, painting plans, and a few construction issues. A suggestion was made that Travis present the plan to the Village's public service director Tom Meszler for review.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend Council approval of the Eagle Scout project proposed by Travis Lange to build and install a backboard at the north tennis court in Beverly Park pending approval by Public Services Director Meszler.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

UPDATE ON DISC GOLF COURSE

O'Reilly reviewed that the Parks and Recreation Board decided at its July meeting to request approval from Council to solicit bids for installation of a disc golf course in the park. He presented his proposal to Council at its August 16 meeting and answered questions from members on the layout of the course. As a result of the discussion, O'Reilly agreed to use props to demonstrate the location of the tees and baskets for each hole of the 9-hole disc golf course throughout the park. He met with six Council members and walked them through the proposed course. A decision of Council was tabled until the Tuesday, September 20 meeting. O'Reilly indicated that he will be present at that meeting to answer further questions on the proposal.

Schmitt commented that he missed the July meeting of the Board but that he strongly supports the installation of a disc golf course in the park.

UPDATE ON SLED HILL TERRACING

Davis mentioned that employees from Goldner Walsh Nursery were in Beverly Park today and did work on the planting beds including weeding and mulching. Arvant will write a thank you letter to Goldner Walsh for doing this work at no extra fee.

Davis presented the landscape proposal from Goldner Walsh for terracing and planting work at the sled hill area to curtail erosion on both sides of the hill. Drawings of the landscaping plan for the hill showing the various materials were displayed. It was proposed that work be done this fall. The cost of this project is \$3,741.65 and includes plant material, peat moss, fertilizer, compost, mulch and labor. The cost reflects 35% off trees and shrubs and 10% off soil.

Board members discussed the plantings and their location. Kondak mentioned that scout Eli Jensen was considering an Eagle Scout project that would involve repairing the gullies on the south side of the hill. Kondak outlined the scope of the work, noting that the scout does not have a written plan to present to the Board as yet. It was suggested that the Goldner Walsh project and the Eagle Scout proposal may not be mutually exclusive. These projects could be coordinated.

Motion by Davis, second by Schmitt, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council approve the plan proposed by Goldner Walsh Nursery for terracing and planting work at the sled hill to curtail erosion in an amount not to exceed \$3,741.65. It is further recommended that the work be done this fall without soliciting additional bids due to the timeliness of the project.

Janet Mooney commented that she liked the idea of the project but expressed concern with the use of plantings with thorns.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

DISCUSS RESTROOM HAND DRYER REPLACEMENT

Schmitt stated that the hand dryers in the men's and women's restrooms in the pavilion are unreliable. Residents have complained that they do not work. He proposed replacing the two hand dryers with high speed units with new multi-jet hand drying technology that uses less energy than the existing units. Board members are in receipt of written material on Air Force Hand Dryer Specs. The cost is \$260 per unit.

Schmitt proposed that purchasing two hand dryers would be a good use of the \$750 donation received from those who organized the Longest Lemonade Stand event in Beverly Park. A dedicated plaque would be mounted on the wall near the hand dryers.

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, to recommend that administration purchase two Air Force Hand Dryers at a cost not to exceed \$750 including shipping, handling and installation using funds contributed by organizers of the Longest Lemonade Stand event.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

LARGE GROUP SURVEY FOR BALDRIDGE

Marshall informed the Board that she advised the individual who made the request that participants should not utilize all the parking spaces in the park on that day. Guests should use the Beverly School parking lot.

There were no objections to the large group event planning form from Levell Baldrige for use of the park on Saturday, September 17 for a company picnic.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Marshall reported that bid specifications were prepared for new park benches, and an ad requesting bids was published in the newspaper. The bid opening is scheduled for September 27.

Marshall noted that the digger toy for the sandbox has not been attached to the post in the middle of the sandbox. The post is sunk in concrete and cannot be removed. Kondak related that the scout who constructed the sandbox is waiting for a replacement part for the digger before installation can be completed. The suggestion was made to place a basketball on top of the post.

Greening observed that a project will take place to remove invasive species and to plant seeds at Riverside Park as part of a grant program associated with the Rouge Green Corridor Urban Habitat Implementation Plan project. She commented that individuals from Oakland County did not come before the Parks and Recreation Board regarding this work at Riverside Park.

O'Reilly referred to the Parks and Recreation financial sheet from August, 2011 and asked for some detail on the \$9,568.00 balance in the Capital Projects Fund. He will pursue this with Finance Director Wiszowaty.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ross congratulated Arvant on being elected as Board chairperson at the July meeting.

Kondak recognized Eric Hausman for making repairs to the sound garden, which was his Eagle Scout project. The Board agreed to reimburse Eric for the parts needed to do these repairs in the amount of \$43.47.

O'Reilly congratulated those who participated in the Longest Lemonade Stand in the park for achieving their Guinness World Record. He thanked the event organizers for the \$750 contribution towards Beverly Park.

O'Reilly reported that the Michigan Senate approved legislation establishing a fundraising license plate recognizing the Boy Scouts of America. Senate Bill 104 would require the Secretary of State to design a fundraising license plate for the Boy Scouts of America. It would also create the Boy Scouts of America Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury and allow the Secretary of State to transfer funds donated from plate sales to the State Treasurer to be given to the Boy Scouts on a quarterly basis.

Arvant commented on the huge success and large crowd that participated in the Longest Lemonade Stand event in Beverly Park on August 20. The group sold 350 stands; 349 stands were erected on the day of the event. The total length of the lemonade stand was 1,399 ft. and 11 in., which qualified for the Guinness world record. There was \$45,000 raised for education.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.