

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

Absent: None

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

Chairperson Arvant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Municipal Building at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

Motion by Schmitt, second by O'Reilly, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on September 15, 2011 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**DISCUSS HALLOWEEN HOOT ASSIGNMENTS**

Topping and gutting takes place between 10:00 am and noon; carving of pumpkins begins at noon; trick or treating from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Greening reported that volunteers have been recruited for the event. Anyone who would like to help gut pumpkins should arrive at 10 am. Fifteen neighborhood associations, businesses, and community groups are participating in setting up stations along the trail this year.

Marshall reported that \$2,525 has been received in donations for the Halloween Hoot to date.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE BERKSHIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM FOR USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS DURING THE 2012 SEASON**

The Village is in receipt of a request from the Berkshire Middle School Boys Tennis Team to reserve the use of the Beverly Park tennis courts from the last week of April through the first week of June 2012 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Arvant understood that there are no tennis courts available at Berkshire Middle School, and there is a conflict with using the tennis courts at Groves High School.

Questions and comments from Board members were addressed by Ellen Marshall.

Motion by Ross, second by Kondak, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of the Beverly Park tennis courts to the Berkshire Middle School Boys Tennis Team from the last week of April through the first week of June 2012 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

Mooney informed the Board that Council met on October 18 and approved the purchase of seven new powder-coated steel benches to replace existing benches at Beverly Park. Council denied a proposal by Goldner Walsh to install landscaping material on the north and south sides of the sled hill. Members opted to follow procedures outlined in the Village Charter to go out for competitive bids.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Marshall reported that new hand dryers are scheduled to be installed in the park restrooms tomorrow, October 21.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Davis thanked Council member Mooney for his support and representation with respect to Beverly Park and the Board.

Greening hoped to see everyone at the Halloween Hoot.

Ross volunteered to chair the 2012 Winter Family Fun Day scheduled to take place Sunday, January 22, 2012.

O'Reilly reported that Council approved the Board's request to seek bids for the design and installation of a nine-hole disc golf course at Beverly Park. He is working on developing bid specifications. O'Reilly also reported that he has been compiling information on a sound system for Beverly Park. Estimated costs have ranged from \$2,472 up to \$5,100. The Village will seek itemized bids for this system.

O'Reilly reported on a conversation with Finance Director Wiszowaty regarding the itemization of the Park Improvement Fund deposits. It was determined that income generated from the 2010 and 2011 Memorial Day events remains in the General Fund. The Parks and Recreation Board should request that Council authorize the transfer of those funds amounting to more than \$8,000 to the Park Improvement Fund.

Kondak reported that the Eagle Scout project proposed by Travis Lang to install a backboard at the tennis courts was denied by the Village engineering department. Another scout, Ely Jensen, had expressed an interest in working on the soil erosion problem at the sled hill.

Arvant thanked Council liaison Mooney for his ongoing support of the Parks and Recreation Board. She thanked Greening for her efforts on the Halloween Hoot. Arvant observed that the digger toy has been installed in the sand box at Beverly Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.