

Present: President Mercer; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: Kelly, LaFerriere, Mooney and Oen

Absent: Burry

Also Present: Manager, Wilson  
Village Attorney, Ryan

President Mercer called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chuck Moss remarked that this will be his final appearance before the Village Council as their State Representative. He said that it has been a pleasure and an honor to represent this community. Moss addressed questions from Council members regarding pending legislation. He provided information and analysis on fire arms bills, school reform legislation, and a bill to repeal the personal property tax. Council thanked Representative Moss for his years of dedicated service.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to approve the consent agenda as published.

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held November 20, 2012.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 3, 2012 .
- c. Review and consider Winter Family Fun Day expense.

Motion passed.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

##### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST OF GROVES HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA TO USE VILLAGE STREETS/SIDEWALKS FOR A 5K RUN ON SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013 AND USE OF BEVERLY PARK PAVILION**

Elizabeth Lohr of 16920 Georgina representing the Groves High School Orchestra presented a proposal to have a 5K Run to raise money for students to attend orchestra camp in the fall of 2013. The event scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013 would begin and end at Beverly Park. Registration would begin at 8:00 a.m. in the park; the run will take place between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. along Village streets in the West Beverly subdivision. Runners will include Groves students, community members, Berkshire Orchestra students, and anyone else who is interested. After the run, the participants would return to the Beverly Park pavilion for food and entertainment.

Lohr stated that the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed this proposal at their November meeting and recommended Council approval of the event and waiver of park rental fees.

Four proposed routes were presented with the written request. Manager Wilson requested that the event organizers contact him when they decide on the final route in order to coordinate the event with the Public Safety Department.

Motion by Briggs, second by Mooney, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve the request of the Groves High School Orchestra to hold a 5K Run on Sunday, May 19, 2013. This event will begin and end at the Beverly Park pavilion and will utilize Village streets and sidewalks for the run. Fees for use of the pavilion will be waived for this event. A certificate of insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured will be provided upon approval of the run.

Kathleen Berwick of Kennoway Court objected to a non-profit organization using Beverly Park facilities at no charge.

Briggs commented that a large number of tax paying residents have children who are part of the orchestra. This type of event adds to community spirit. Oen mentioned that there were many Groves High School students present on the morning of the Halloween Hoot topping and gutting pumpkins, as well as setting up for the event and cleaning up afterwards. The park is used for the benefit of the community. Mooney remarked that students from various Groves clubs and organizations consistently participate in cleaning up the park and volunteer to assist with community events.

Shannon Lohr, mother Elizabeth Lohr, added that the orchestra students volunteered community service at this year's Beverly Park Cleanup at the time they presented their request to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM AMNESTY/ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB FROM GHS TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR ITS THIRD ANNUAL TAILS-N-TRAILS DOG WALK FUNDRAISER MAY 4, 2013**

Co-Presidents of the Groves Amnesty International/Animal Rights Club, Sarah Horvath and Erica Gardner, requested the use of Beverly Park on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm to host the 2013 Tails-n-Trails Dog Walk fundraiser to benefit the Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescue and to raise community awareness about the benefits of adopting, spaying/neutering, and responsible pet ownership.

The representatives described a timeline of events that will occur on that day. After the walk, animals from the Paws-n-Claws animal rescue will be available for adoption. The group proposes to have a bake sale, pet competitions, and agility demonstrations from My Hero Dog Training. It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously recommended approval of this event at its November meeting.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approve the request of Groves High School Amnesty/Animal Rights Club to hold a Dog Walk Fundraiser to benefit Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescue on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Beverly Park from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and waive park rental fees and any sales restrictions contained in the deed restrictions. A certificate of insurance will be provided upon approval of the Walk/Fundraiser.

Mooney noted that this is the third year for this fundraising event. Previous events went well with no problems reported. This is a fine cause for the community to support. Briggs commended the young adults who presented this proposal as well as the student who came forward with the Groves Orchestra proposal on their initiative and poise.

Kathleen Berwick on Kennoway Court expressed the view that every community group should pay for the use of the park pavilion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (6 – 0).

#### **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

LaFerriere made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to Jacqueline Kelly's election to the Village Council. This term will expire on June 30, 2014. He also announced a vacancy for an alternate member on the Zoning Board, which has an expiration date of June 30, 2015. The deadline for receiving applications for these positions is Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. A subcommittee of Council will meet on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. to review applications and recommend candidates for Council approval.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court commented on the benefits section of the Village Manager's employment contract extended by Council at its November 5, 2012 meeting. Walsh made the suggestion that the Village go out for bids on employee health care coverage.

#### **REPORTS – MANAGER**

**Southfield Road Open House** – The Road Commission for Oakland County will be conducting a public information meeting on the ongoing Environmental Assessment study of future improvements to the Southfield Road corridor on Monday, December 10 from 3:30 – 7:00 at the Lathrup Village City Hall Community Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this open-house style meeting to learn about the study and provide input. The study area covers Southfield Road from the Southfield Freeway (M- 39) to approximately 1200 feet north of 13 Mile Road and includes the communities of Beverly Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village and Southfield Township.

Wilson announced that there will be a presentation on Regional Transit Systems and options along the Woodward Corridor on Thursday, December 6 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Library in Birmingham.

**Council Meeting** – As a reminder, the first Village Council meeting in January will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:30 PM.

**Trash Collection Schedule** – Tuesday, December 11th will be the last day of the year for yard waste collection. Over the holidays, trash collection will occur as regularly scheduled on Monday, December 24th and Monday, December 31st. Trash collection scheduled for Tuesday, December 25th will occur on Wednesday, December 26th. Trash collection schedule for Tuesday, January 1st will occur on Wednesday, January 2nd. Christmas trees will be picked up for chipping on the weeks of January 7th and 14th.

**Offices Closed** – Village and Southfield Township Offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the holidays. Southfield Township Offices will also be closed on Wednesday, December 26th.

**Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 26th will be held on December 12th. At this meeting, the Planning Commission is scheduled to go over a final draft of the revised Sign Ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing in January to hear comments on this revision.

**Bob Bliven** – Bob Bliven was a long-time member of the Planning Board and also served on the Cable Board. He is a part-time employee who began working with Village Engineer Renzo Spallasso in 1994 to provide mapping services. Bob Bliven has indicated that he will be officially retiring from his part-time position with the Village effective the end of this year. His services to the Village have been immeasurable to the community. He has developed almost the entire map collection of Village roads, water and sewer infrastructure, zoning and addresses. Mr. Bliven's knowledge of the history of the Village and its development has been an invaluable asset to the community. Erin Wilks does have knowledge of the mapping program used by Mr. Bliven; HRC will be contracted for larger projects. Wilson has asked Mr. Bliven to attend the December 18 Council meeting to formally receive recognition for his years of service to the community.

**Fire Apparatus Replacement** – Wilson updated Council on the fire truck situation. The Department has spent a significant amount of time looking for used pieces of equipment locally; site visits were made. The search for used equipment has not been productive. There have been some promising leads regarding 2010/2011 demo equipment that has been utilized but is under full warranty. Staff is working on financing options for this equipment.

A second opinion on the repair cost for the current piece of equipment lined up with the first opinion. It does not appear to be a viable alternative given the cost to make the apparatus operable without any guaranty with respect to longevity. Director Torongeau will have another report available by the end of this week, which Wilson will forward to Council. Staff is coming to a quick conclusion on a recommendation to replace the ladder truck. Questions from Council on this topic were addressed by Wilson.

## **REPORTS – COUNCIL**

Briggs stated that the Communications Committee meeting scheduled for December was canceled due to a lack of quorum. He reported on the Tuesday, November 27 Retirement Board meeting. There will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting to consider renewal of Asset Strategies contract for investment consultant services for one year.

Mercer remarked that two presentations made before Council tonight revealed three future leaders of our community. Sarah Horvath, Erica Gardner, and Elizabeth Lohr were well spoken young adults, and Mercer was proud of them. Mercer mentioned that the Beverly Park deed restrictions are specific in terms of groups that must be allowed to use the park; the Village has the liberty to grant use of the park and pavilion through recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mercer asked Council members to bring their calendars to the first meeting in January in order to set a date for a 2013 Council goal setting session.

Motion by Mooney, second Briggs, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Motion passed.

**Tim Mercer**  
**Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**