

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

Absent: Mercer

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau

President Pro-Tem Briggs 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 Burry, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held June 18, 2013.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a joint Council/Parks and Recreation Board meeting held June 20, 2013.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, July 1, 2013.

Motion passed.

Kelly asked a question regarding a bill, which was addressed to her satisfaction by Wilson.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD AND TWO VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Briggs made the second announcement of one vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board and two vacancies on the Communications Committee. The Cable Board term expires on June 30, 2016. The term of one of the Communications Committee positions expires on June 30, 2015 and the other expires on June 30, 2016.

The application deadline for these positions is Friday, July 5, 2013 at 4:30 pm. The Cable Board subcommittee of Council consisting of Burry as chair, Oen and Briggs will meet Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm to interview candidates and make a recommendation to Council. The Communications subcommittee with Briggs as chair, Burry and Kelly will meet on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:15 pm to consider candidates.

Briggs encouraged interested residents to submit an application to serve on one of these volunteer groups.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY AS NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adopt the following resolution:

**Village of Beverly Hills Resolution
National Recreation and Parks Month**

Whereas, Parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society, and

Whereas, parks and recreation creates lifelines and continued life experiences for older members of our community, and

Whereas, generating opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun recreational pursuits, and

Whereas, park and recreation agencies provide outlets for physical activities, socializations, and stress reducing experiences, and

Whereas, parks, playgrounds, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make communities attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit in a manner that contributes to our ongoing economic vitality, and

Whereas, parks, greenways, and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast paced, high-tech lifestyles while simultaneously protecting and preserving our natural environment and,

Whereas, parks and recreation agencies touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the entire community, which positively impacts upon the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Beverly Hills proclaims July as Recreation and Parks Month and encourages all citizens to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles by participating in their choice of recreation and park activities.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS – MANAGER

Wilson stated that the Birmingham fireworks display will take place tomorrow night, July 3 at dusk at Lincoln Hills Golf Course with a rain date of Friday, July 5. The Beverly Hills Village office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 due to the holiday.

Storms that came through the area last week caused damage to properties in the Village. The public service crew has been out this week doing chipping and will continue to clean up debris this week. Wilson urged residents who experienced tree damage to bring the material out to the road. He asked that people call the Village office and notify staff of their location so that tree limbs can be picked up and chipped. In response to an inquiry on the size of limbs that will be removed and chipped, Wilson said that the DPW crew will pick up any branches that homeowners can carry to the side of the road.

Wilson stated that bids will be going out to contractors for the Beverly Road construction project. Work will commence later this summer.

Burry observed cars parked on the lawn in areas along 14 Mile Road. Wilson outlined the status of a situation where the tenant of a rental house on 14 Mile Road has requested a permit for a hard surface parking area. He referenced another rental home where this has been a problem. Wilson remarked that there are a few homes where hard surface parking areas have been allowed in front of the home by the Village building department years ago when this was permitted. Parking on grassy areas is not permitted.

Briggs noticed that a dumpster is exposed to the roadway at the dentist office located at Pierce and 14 Mile Road. Wilson will confer with the code enforcement officer regarding this issue.

Kelly related that she has received emails from residents in West Beverly regarding trees overhanging sidewalks and making them impassable in some instances. Wilson responded that limbs are regularly trimmed when it comes to the Village's attention that they are obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic. This is either done by the Village DPW or by Hart Urban Forestry depending on the size of the project. Wilson will speak with Public Services Director Meszler regarding overhanging limbs in the West Beverly area.

In response to an inquiry from LaFerriere, Wilson updated Council on the status of the Nexus Academy, public charter school going into the 31333 building. There was a meeting last week of representatives from Nexus Academy, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Village public services director and planning consultant. Nexus Academy will be contracting with Birchler Arroyo Associates for a traffic study and access management analysis on the site. The current building owner has indicated that they have some cross parking arrangements in the area with surrounding commercial properties. The Village has requested copies of any cross parking access agreements.

Kelly questioned the status of the Village building department, which was a topic of discussion at a budget study session. Wilson stated that he is working with Village Attorney Ryan on reviewing contract language contained in a proposal to contract for building department services from the City of Royal Oak.

Kelly asked if there was any new information on the Erity Dam issue. Wilson reported that the property owners for the right spillway responded to the State through their attorney regarding the ownership of the dam. Hubbell, Roth & Clark staff is conducting a formal survey of the area and researching property deeds to verify ownership of that property. The Village will then determine its position on the property ownership.

REPORTS – COUNCIL

Council members wished everybody a Happy 4th of July holiday. Briggs encouraged people to be careful when using fireworks and be mindful of their neighbors. He reminded people that tomorrow is the celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Motion passed.

Walter Briggs
President Pro-Tem

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary