

Present: Chairperson Arvant; Vice-Chair Kondak; Members: Greening, Ruprich and Schmitt

Absent: Davis and Hausman

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. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2013

Motion by Schmitt, second by Kondak, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on October 17, 2013 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM AMNESTY/ANIMAL RIGHTS CLUB AT GROVES HIGH SCHOOL TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL TAILS-N-TRAILS DOG WALK FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

Co-Presidents of the Groves Amnesty International/Animal Rights Club, Sarah Horvath and Erica Gardner, requested the use of Beverly Park on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm to host their 2014 Tails-n-Trails Dog Walk fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for the Paws-n-Claws Animal Rescue. The main event is a dog walk that will take place along the Beverly Park trail. They will also have a raffle, bake sale, pet competitions, and agility demonstrations from My Hero Dog Training. They will not require use of the pavilion, therefore they are not asking for any fees to be waived.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Greening, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council authorize the Groves High School Amnesty/Animal Rights Club to use Beverly Park for its 2014 “Tails-n-Trails” Dog Walk on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE GROVES HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA TO USE BEVERLY PARK FOR THEIR SECOND ANNUAL FORTE 5K RUN ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

Groves Symphony Orchestra members Clair Westerlund and Elizabeth Lohr presented a proposal to hold the second annual Forte 5K Run and Walk on Village streets and at Beverly Park on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. The event will benefit Groves Orchestra programs. Registration will begin at 8 am in the pavilion with the run starting at 9 am along Village streets in the West Beverly subdivision. After the run, they plan to return to the

pavilion for food and entertainment. It was mentioned that smoothies will be sold to the racers in the pavilion. Members are requesting that fees for renting the pavilion be waived for this event.

In response to an inquiry, the applicants indicated that the Public Safety Department will be contacted if the run is approved to coordinate their assistance with the event. The Orchestra representatives were informed that selling items in the park requires a waiver from the Village Council.

Moved by Ruprich, seconded by Kondak, that the Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board recommends Village Council approval of the request from Groves Orchestras to hold the second annual Forte 5K Run on Sunday, May 18, 2014. This event will begin and end at the Beverly Park pavilion and they will utilize Village streets and sidewalks for the run. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived for this event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE TO CONSTRUCT A STORAGE SHED AT BEVERLY PARK

This was a topic of discussion at the October 17, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Following a presentation from Paul Turner representing the Beverly Hills Little League, members of the Board identified several issues last month to be resolved before a decision could be made on the proposal to construct a storage shed in the park. Turner has submitted additional documentation and plan revisions for the Board's review and consideration at this meeting.

The Board thought that approval to construct a storage shed in Beverly Park and the question of whether it can be used exclusively by the BHLL should be addressed by Village Administration. Arvant related that Village Attorney Ryan has indicated that it would be acceptable for the Little League to make a request and to construct a storage shed in Beverly Park with the following conditions: 1) Parks and Recreation Board approval; and 2) Site Plan submission to the Village office and site plan review and approval by the Planning Commission and Council.

Other issues regarding the shed construction were the exterior material, the roll up style door, the 10 ft. height, and the size of the structure. Board members agreed to the suggested location for the proposed shed. The funding of the shed was another topic of discussion.

Paul Turner related that the Little League used the services of an architect from Dorchen/Martin Associates, Inc. in Southfield to design and draw revised plans for the shed. The new plan is for a 10' x 12' storage shed with a painted steel door in lieu of a roll-up door. The peak of the roof was lowered to 10'- 9³/₄" to be more consistent with the park pavilion. Research was done on using either a brick veneer or Hardie plank siding for the exterior of the building. Drawings showing both of these materials on a shed were submitted in the proposal. The Hardie plank is available in different colors and does not need paint. The difference in cost between the brick veneer and the Hardie plank is about \$3,000. The quote for the building with the Hardie plank is approximately \$11,000; the cost of the shed with a brick veneer exterior is about \$14,000.

In response to an inquiry about maintenance, Turner affirmed that the Beverly Hills Little League would maintain the storage shed. Other topics of discussion were the shed location, continued use of equipment storage boxes, and exclusive use of the shed by the BHLL. The Hardie plank exterior was satisfactory to the Board.

Turner requested that the Parks and Recreation Board fund one-half the cost of the storage shed at \$7,000. Board members discussed the Village's contribution for the cost of a shed that would be for the exclusive use of the Beverly Hills Little League. It was suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend funding the entire cost of the storage shed with money from the park dedicated millage to be used for baseball equipment storage as decided by Village Administration.

Council liaison John Mooney commented that the items stored in the shed will be helmets, gloves, balls, bats, catcher's equipment, etc. These are items that cannot be shared and need to be stored securely. He did not think that access to a storage facility containing equipment purchased with Little League funds should be shared. He made the point that the BHLL provides recreation for many young people in the community.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Ruprich, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend that Council approve the expenditure of park dedicated millage funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the construction of a storage shed in Beverly Park as outlined in Scheme "A" submitted by the Beverly Hills Little League with the use of the structure to be determined by the Village Administration.

Ayes – Greening, Kondak, Ruprich, Schmitt

Nays - Arvant

Motion passed (4 – 1).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER DONATION FROM MARSHALL LASSER TO INSTALL A JAPANESE GARDEN AT BEVERLY PARK

This item was postponed due to the absence of the applicant Marshall Lasser.

REVIEW OF 2013 HALLOWEEN HOOT

Arvant stated that the 18th Annual Halloween Hoot was a fabulous event with a huge turnout. Board members recalled and evaluated the various activities that occurred throughout the day. Everyone agreed that the volunteers did a wonderful job. Arvant thanked Pat Greening and Janet Mooney for organizing the event and thanked members of the Board, Council, Administration, and the many volunteers for their hard work on this fun community event.

DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR 2014 WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Jen Ruprich will chair the Winter Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2014. Everyone hoped for optimum winter weather conditions so the event can take place this year.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 19 MEETING

Motion by Schmitt, second by Greening, to cancel the December meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion passed.

LIAISON COMMENTS

John Mooney related that he has been contacted by an Eagle Scout candidate who requested a suggestion for an Eagle Scout project. Board members mentioned several ideas, including maintenance on the pavilion.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Ellen Marshall informed the Board that Kim Fisher with the Groves High School Band called the Village Office on Tuesday, November 12 inquiring if they could hold a Silent Auction during the 2014 Memorial Day Carnival to raise money for the band's trip to London. They will be performing in the New Year's Day Parade in London on January 1, 2015. If there is interest on behalf of the Board, Ms. Fisher will attend the January Board meeting to make a formal request.

Board members were interested in hearing the proposal from Kim Fisher, representing the Groves High School Band.

Janice Hausman has provided the Board members with information about playing Pickleball in Beverly Park. She is proposing that at least one of the tennis courts at Beverly Park be painted with lines for a Pickleball court. This will be a future agenda item.

BOARD COMMENTS

In a communication to the Board, Janice Hausman said that she plans to order the Little Free Library after the first of the year for installation in the spring. March is Reading Month and April is National Library Week, which would be good ways to publicize the Board's new library.

Kondak presented an alternative idea for putting on the Memorial Day Carnival and asked Board members to think about this for future discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.