

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on May 14, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney, Music and Vance; Council Liaison Fowler, Clerk Wheeler, and Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton were present.

Motion by Haney, second by Music to approve the Agenda as amended. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Music, second by Vance to approve the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported the finance report. She reported \$15,000 in donations was recently receipted. The Chamber of Commerce donated \$5,000 for Leiber Center roof and \$10,000 was received from an anonymous donor for the pedestrian bridge at Golden Gate Park. She informed the supplies have been ordered for the pedestrian bridge and are just awaiting warmer, dryer weather to start work.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton reported there are a few loose shingles that need replaced at the open air shelters and the Pee Wee press box. She informed the window has been repaired at the Caretaker's cabin. She reported plexiglass was broken at the outside restrooms at Golden Gate Park. She stated she is looking into replacement options because this is not the first time they have been broken.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed the Adult Softball Program has begun. She informed the BBC Opening Day Parade went well and the Annual Park Cleanup was a success. She reported work started on the tennis courts today. She informed vandalism was reported last week at the soccer field, but the suspects have been caught. She informed she is still waiting on cost estimates to replace the awning at the Leiber Center. She described the dead pine trees at the front of the Caretaker's cabin will be removed soon.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed she and Service Superintendent Homan are signed up for a seminar in June on the Benefits of Nature Play at Wegerzen Gardens.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed Members have been provided with updated information on the Memorial Tree Program.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed the Service Department has been very busy at the parks trying to keep up on mowing.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed estimates for the painting of the inside of the Leiber Center were received for approximately \$5,300. She stated we will have to wait for a slower time to do the work.

Trustee Haney asked if the walk throughs of the open-air shelters have been done?

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed some, but not all have been completed.

President Cordes asked if Trustee Music's name can be added to the sign at Golden Gate Park?

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated she will have it done.

Trustee Music thanked for the quick response from the City workers on the vandalism at the soccer park.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Vance informed she had heard of the upcoming Natural Play Scapes Workshop on June 13th and she is very thankful Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton and Service Superintendent Homan are going.

Trustee Vance informed she and Trustee Music recently went to the Elementary School for a presentation on project based learning to listen to the students talk about possible improvements to Ward Park. She stated increased play areas was a common theme.

Trustee Music informed more swings were suggested a lot. He stated the students were first through third graders and were very creative.

Trustee Music described he had an idea to follow up with the students since the presentations by holding a meet and greet one day event at Ward Park. He thought it would be fun to maybe have a hot dog stand and petting zoo to show the kids Park Board really listened to their ideas.

President Cordes asked him to look into possible dates to do such an event.

Trustee Music suggested holding the event in the fall and thought it would be neat to show the kids their ideas were heard.

Trustee Vance stated movie nights in the park were also suggested.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton suggested getting with the church right there by Ward Park for possible parking for an event.

Trustee Vance stated at the last Park Board Meeting a photography contest was discussed. She suggested running the contest into next year and tying it in to the 20th anniversary of the castle playground. She suggested having some sort of simple event to celebrate 20 years of the castle playground.

Trustee Music stated the steeples on the castle playground need painted.

Trustee Music informed he is still working with Cargill on possible tree donations, but no update yet.

President Cordes thanked everyone who showed up for the Annual Park Cleanup.

President Cordes informed there was a good turnout for the recent FFA Day for Dogs Event. She stated they would like to do it again next year and already have ideas for the next event.

President Cordes stated the Leiber Center roof looks great. She thanked the Chamber and the City.

President Cordes asked if there has been update from the Boy Scouts on their project to plant trees.

Trustee Music stated he is unsure, but will follow up with them.

President Cordes reminded the Special Wish Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, with set up on June 28 and will be using Shelters # 3 and 4.

President Cordes asked if anyone has thought of any ideas on if we would like to have a Christmas tree light contest at the shelters for the Christmas in the Park Event? She asked if Park Board should see if businesses would want to set up Christmas trees?

Trustee Music stated he likes the idea and thinks it would get support?

President Cordes suggested Park Board should check with the Chamber.

President Cordes asked if Park Board wanted to begin working on criteria for rules for a photo contest? She suggested starting early to advertise for the event and then people would have more time to take pictures.

Trustee Vance stated it's something to think about, but most examples she found had a window of time to take pictures and not just wide open.

Trustee Cordes stated if people had more time maybe people would put more thought into taking pictures.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed she is researching with the Law Director on if Park Board can host a fundraiser.

Trustee Vance informed the Optimist Club also suggested they could possibly sponsor.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business,

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed she submitted a Community Development Block Grant Application (CDBG) this week. She reminded back in 2017 we applied and were awarded funding for the walking path from the Community Theatre to Golden Gate Park. She informed she resubmitted for the project, since the funds previously awarded had to be redirected to the new water tower. She stated if awarded, it would be for next year's funding. She stated she will keep Park Board up to date on the status.

Further discussion on details and location of walking path.

Trustee Vance asked about the various park grants and if all grants go through the City Office?

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed all grants would come through her because most grants include matching funds.

Trustee Vance asked if there will be recycling bins at the Community Picnic?

Council Liaison Fowler stated there have been in years past, but they usually just end up as another trash can and people don't separate their items.

Trustee Haney stated the volunteers at the Park Cleanup did a great job and it was much appreciated.

Trustee Vance stated the amount of vandalism at the parks is so concerning. She stated she was unsure if there is anything the City could do to address.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton informed it seems to be bad every two to three years and the City has looked into various ideas for prevention, but it just varies from year to year.

Trustee Haney stated people do not cleanup after their dogs at the park either even though the bags and signs are there and it is so disrespectful.

President Cordes stated there is a car being parked everyday at Gateway Park all day long everyday. She asked if there are any rules or laws against that?

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton asked if the vehicle is usually occupied?

Trustee Haney stated someone parks it and leaves it all day.

President Cordes stated she has the license plate number, but wasn't sure if she should report it to the Police.

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Keaton stated she will look into the issue and the rules for parking at the park.

Motion by Music, second by Haney to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk



Bonnie Cordes, President