

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on August 13, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney, Music and Vance; Clerk Wheeler, City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton and Council Liaison Fowler were present.

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

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

JD Fowler, Council Liaison, informed there is a soccer tournament this week at Westbrook Park and Opening Day is next weekend including the Opening Day Parade.

Kevin O'Boyle, of the Brookville Star, informed this Saturday is opening day for Pee Wee Football. He informed this year in honor of their service to the community following the tornado, Cub Scout Pack 47 will help the VFW present the flag during opening ceremonies.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton presented the finance report. She informed the City received a \$500 donation from Pee Wee Football. She informed the City also received a copy of their 2018 financial statement and 2019 schedule as required with their annual agreement. She reported Park Permits were up \$4,719 year to date.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed sport sand was added to the volleyball court prior to the Community Picnic.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton provided Members with a picture of some of the recent vandalism that occurred at the park one week prior to the Community Picnic. She described on Saturday, July 20 she received a call from the caretakers about broken beer bottles in the castle playground area. She stated three Service Department workers spent five hours on that Saturday cleaning up broken glass, which ended up costing the City approximately \$730 to clean up. She described following that week, more and more glass was found each day along the bike path. She informed a number of juveniles were caught and we are now pursuing restitution.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed five dead trees were removed from Golden Gate Park prior to the Community Picnic. She informed paint has been purchased for the outdoor shelters for whenever the Optimist Club is ready to do the work.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton reported the Service Department has lost two seasonal employees because they have gone back to school. She informed she might soon be hiring another seasonal worker for the fall. She stated with the hot weather, there hasn't been a lot of mowing needed, which has helped work to be caught up in other areas.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated the Community Picnic was very successful and the fireworks were awesome.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the last of the painting was done on the pedestrian bridge at Golden Gate Park and the plaques are almost finished. She informed she will email everyone once the bridge is all done.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the Cross Country Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Council Liaison Fowler informed one of the tennis courts at Westbrook Park have some large cracks and weeds are growing.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed she will have someone take a look.

Trustee Vance asked if there are any updates on possible swings at Ward Park?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated not yet.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Vance informed she spoke with the multi-age teacher at the school and she is excited about the idea of doing an event at Ward Park. She suggested doing something during the evening instead of an afternoon. She stated she would like to nail down a date in the next week or so in order to reserve the petting zoo and hot dog stand.

Trustee Music stated the Community Picnic was a success. He suggested that the City should look into putting a Gaga pit into one of the parks. He informed he took pictures recently of one he saw at St Mary's campground. He stated there is also one at the KOA Campground in Brookville and there was one at the Community Picnic. He stated he thinks it would be very popular and something new to offer at one of our parks. He stated we could probably get people to donate money or to help build.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated she has heard a lot about pickle ball and frisbee golf.

Council Liaison Fowler suggested transferring one of the tennis courts at Westbrook Park into a pickle ball court.

Trustee Music stated he would like to see holes for frisbee golf throughout town, at each of the parks and maybe even down Market Street to make for a city wide frisbee golf game.

President Cordes asked Trustee Music to look into more information on the game of gaga ball and how and where we could possibly put one.

Trustee Vance reminded next year is the 20th anniversary of the castle playground. She stated she would really like to do something to celebrate.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed this is the year the entire playground needs to be re-sealed.

President Cordes stated she would like to go ahead and schedule a work day for the needed repairs and work on the open air shelters at Golden Gate Park. She suggested scheduling the work day for October 5 with a rain date of the following weekend, October 12.

Trustee Haney informed she mentioned it at the last Rotary Meeting. She informed Rotary Members plan to paint their open air shelter, but would like to do it in an evening instead of on a Saturday. She described the Rotary's building also is in need of some roof repairs and a new sign. She stated Rotary Members thought it would be fun to get together in an evening to do the work.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated she will get back to Park Board on the roof repairs.

Trustee Haney informed Rotary will meet with Kiwanis next week and she is going to ask them to help also.

President Cordes informed she plans to meet with the Sorority soon.

Discussion on the various service groups for each Park Board Member to reach out to.

Trustee Haney suggested having a sign up sheet to keep organized of what group will be coming and for how long.

Council Liaison Fowler asked if it will be an all day event?

President Cordes stated that might work best and then each group could decide when they can come and how long they can stay.

Trustee Music proposed a deadline for the groups to have their work done.

President Cordes stated if groups can go any day to do the work then that would mean someone would have to meet them there to provide supplies each time.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton suggested the groups could call the City Office to coordinate.

Trustee Vance asked if there would still be one big main day to do the work?

President Cordes stated yes, she would like to see it just like the annual cleanup day.

Further discussion on the types of work and contacting the various service groups for help.

Members agreed on scheduling a work day for Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Trustee Vance asked if we will provide anything for lunch, maybe hotdogs?

Trustee Music suggested asking the Sorority to donate lunch?

President Cordes stated she will bring that idea up to them.

In Old Business,

President Cordes asked if Members thought people would really be interested in decorating a Christmas tree in the park?

Trustee Haney stated it could be difficult with the lighting and kids messing with them.

Trustee Vance stated she was concerned with vandalism.

President Cordes suggested advertising for families to bring in a Christmas tree, decorate it and then have a contest for people to vote on their favorite tree.

Trustee Music suggested getting more organizations involved.

Trustee Haney stated she hopes to acquire more outdoor decorations this year.

President Cordes stated she would like for Park Board Members to sit down with someone from each service group to see what they are planning for the event.

Discussion of electricity available for a tree contest and the best location for the trees.

President Cordes suggested Members think on the tree contest idea and discuss again at the next Park Board Meeting.

There was no New Business.

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



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk



Bonnie Cordes, President

