

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on September 10, 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 Vance, second by Music to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Haney, second by Music to approve the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Logan McKown, of 226 S. Wolf Creek Street, stated he wanted to talk about the Sk8 Park and how he and a lot of other people would like to revamp the Sk8 Park to be rideable for skate boards and bikes. He stated he has also noticed the rules posted and would like to change the rules in order to allow bikes at the Sk8 Park. He stated there is no place for kids to ride their bikes since the removal of the BMX track. He stated there is also no place for kids to spend their free time riding except to ride their bikes in the streets. He stated it would be better and more enjoyable for kids to ride at the Sk8 Park. He asked if Members have had a chance to read the packet of information he sent to Park Board Members?

President Cordes stated yes she received the packet he dropped off at her home and she did review it.

Logan thanked her for reading it. He informed the packet included some of his ideas to improve the Sk8 Park. For example, he would like to add a bowl in the ground and revamp the asphalt due to cracks. He stated he has taken some pictures of the cracks in the pavement. He described the ramps are also rusty, which make them very dangerous.

President Cordes stated she has not provided a copy of the report to the rest of the Park Board Members yet because she would like to review over it with the City Manager, Service Superintendent and Police Chief and discuss safety concerns. She stated she is also concerned with safety at the Sk8 Park, but Staff will need to review the costs to fix it. She informed she did bring this up at the last City Council Meeting because if the City is going to keep the Sk8 Park open, it needs to be repaired and updated. She stated improvements will require money though and we will need to see what if anything can be done and then Park Board will get back with him.

Logan informed he had planned to reach out to the Masonic Temple because his father is a member, and he thought they might be interested in helping with a fundraiser that would help cover the costs if the project were approved.

President Cordes stated Park Board will have to look into a few things and will get back with him. She encouraged him to go ahead and speak with the Masons to see if they would even be interested in helping with the project.

Trustee Music stated he thought the thinking behind not allowing bikes was that they would cause damage, but there has not been any enforcement. He stated he thinks improving the Sk8 Park is a great idea.

President Cordes stated either change the sign or enforce the rule.

Trustee Vance asked how many kids visit the Sk8 Park and how often?

Logan stated he goes every day and during the summer especially, the SK8 Park is usually pretty busy.

Council Liaison Fowler stated when he walks the bike path in the evenings, he always notices about seven or eight kids at a time at the Sk8 Park.

Ms. McKown described some kids go from the Sk8 Park to other parks and sort of bounce around.

JD Fowler, Council Liaison informed the Brookville Soccer Association (BSA) will be purchasing two new goals for Field 1 at the Soccer Park. He informed rules have recently changed for the size of goals, so the old ones will be moved off to the side for a practice area.

Shelly Music, Park Caretaker, provided Members with a list she made of some needed repairs or items that need replaced or updated in the enclosed shelters. She stated the list is just some items that they have noticed and wanted Park Board to be aware of.

Ms. Music asked if signs could be made to be added to the outside of the Leiber Center to label sides 1A and 1B to help identify the buildings for rentals? She also asked if the word senior could be taken out of the title of the Christina Leiber Center? She stated people get confused and they have had a lot of questions on if it is a senior center?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated she will look into it.

Ms. Music described there are two closets in the kitchen side of the Leiber Center and currently AA stores their stuff in the larger closet and the tables and chairs for the shelter are stored in the other closet. She stated it would be really nice to have a roll cart to store the tables and chairs on in the kitchen side and if they could switch closets with AA, that would make it easier to fit a roll cart in there.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated she will read through the list and then schedule a time to meet with the caretakers to discuss.

Ms. Music informed they have received a few negative comments recently and she wants to make sure our rentals do not plummet.

Trustee Vance asked the Caretakers how their cabin was?

Ms. Music informed the cabin is good and the leaks have been fixed.

Ms. Music suggested adjusting the times for shelter rentals. She asked why does the first session have an extra half an hour when they are paying the same amount as the second session? She stated it would help them out to have an extra 30 minutes when cleaning up between rentals. She stated there are times where all the buildings have people that stay until 4:30 and then they only have 30 minutes to clean all the shelters in between the two rental sessions. She stated it would be much easier to have an hour to clean between and have even rental times.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated it has been that way forever, but it could be looked into. She stated most people who have the day session do not show up right at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Music stated a lot of people who rent the evening session show up right at 5:00 p.m. and sometimes even 4:30 to try to get in and they have to lock the doors in order to clean up before letting in the next session. She stated most people who rent during the day stay until 4:30, which doesn't give them a lot of time to cleanup between sessions and people coming in for the second session deserve a clean building.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton presented the finance report. She reported park permits were up \$6,000 year to date. She informed League Fees have started coming in for the Fall League. She described over the last few years, adult league participation has continued to diminish and for the first time in many years, there will be no Sunday League this year.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton reported an estimate was received for the repairs on the cracks at the tennis court at Westbrook Park. She informed the estimate received was higher than the one received for the tennis courts at Golden Gate Park because there are a lot more cracks on the court at Westbrook Park. She informed the estimate was \$4,200. She stated since it is late in the season, she would like to try to include this in the budget for next year.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed she recently spoke with Service Superintendent Homan about painting the Leiber Center this winter and hopefully changing out some of the ceiling tiles that need replaced. She stated a lot of improvement items for the parks will have to go into the 2020 Budget. She would also like to research this winter more information on play equipment, pickle ball and gaga ball. She informed she did have someone look at the castle playground recently and it will be an early spring project for re-sealing the playground and re-painting the peaks. She informed she is looking into ideas for some type of a celebration for the upcoming 20th Anniversary of the castle, she would like to reach out to those who participated originally.

Trustee Haney reported she spoke to Kiwanas, Rotary and Am Vets about the upcoming work day and Christmas in the Park.

Discussion on the time frame to hold the work day.

President Cordes suggested scheduling the work day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., which should give everyone plenty of time to work, but also not take up the entire day.

Members all agreed to hold the work day at Golden Gate Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Trustee Haney asked when are people supposed to come to Park Board to ask for use of the park? She stated it seems some people come and some do not and she wondered if there were certain guidelines.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton explained usually those that approach Park Board are requesting a reduced rental rate for a shelter or wanting to use the main area of the park. She explained the recent whiffle ball tournament was approved by the front office because they were only wanting to use the back ball diamond area.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed she provided Members with a tentative work day agenda for October 5. She informed the Service Department reviewed the needed repairs at each shelter and prior to the work day they will remove all the nails and tape and have the buildings ready to be painted.

President Cordes asked if the City will provide ladders and any other equipment that might be needed for the work day?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated yes.

Trustee Haney asked if the City will be fixing the rotted roof on the Rotary's shelter?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated yes.

Trustee Vance asked if all the needed supplies for the work day will be provided by the City?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton yes.

Trustee Vance informed she contacted Jenni Phillips at the High School and Nick Wright with the FAA and both are willing to provide student volunteers, they just need to know how many.

President Cordes stated depending on the weather, if it is cool outside, she plans to make chicken noodle soup to go with the hot dogs.

Trustee Haney stated it would be helpful to know approximately how many people will be volunteering to help with coordinating the event.

Trustee Vance reported she recently spoke with the multi-age teacher at the Elementary School and she is struggling to decide on a date to hold an event at Ward Park, the only thing determined has been to hold something on a weekday evening, maybe in the spring.

Trustee Vance stated there is a park in Beavercreek that has two large chairs made out of a giant log. She stated it is a very simple idea and wondered if would be possible to do something similar at one of our parks. She stated she loves the idea of adding gaga ball to one of our parks. She asked if Park Board would like to plan the anniversary celebration of the castle playground for the spring?

Trustee Haney stated it would depend when the refurbishment is done in the spring.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton stated a lot might depend on the type of spring we have and if we have a lot of rain.

Trustee Vance suggested early summer then instead for a celebration.

Trustee Music reported the whiffle ball tournament was to honor a child from Valley View who was killed in a four wheeler accident and had played baseball with a lot of families from neighboring communities. He informed their event was a huge success and raised \$20,000 that will be used for a scholarship. He informed each team payed \$100 to play and they had food and raffles to purchase.

Ms. Music, Park Caretaker, stated the park was packed, there was no place to park, it was definitely a wonderful turnout.

Trustee Music reported the recent Cross County Invitational went well. He informed he spoke with the Brookville Baseball Club (BBC) about Christmas in the Park. He reported he has been researching information and ideas for frisbee golf.

Trustee Music asked what would the process be if the Chamber of Commerce wanted to adopt the open air shelter behind the Caretaker's cabin?

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed in the past, people have approached the City to have a shelter built and then they paid for it.

Trustee Music stated the Chamber would like to adopt the building since they seem to utilize it each year at the Community Picnic. He stated he will let the Chamber know that they can adopt the building if they would like.

Park Board Members agreed that would be great.

Trustee Music informed he spoke with Corey from the Cub Scouts Pack 47 and the Pack has purchased two trees from Brown's nursery. He informed the Cub Scouts want this to be a Cub Scout project for the kids to do and they will plant the two trees at Westbrook Park between Fields 1 and 2 probably in late October after the soccer season is over.

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton asked if they will use a gator bag on the trees or if the Service Department will need to do later?

Trustee Music stated he is unsure, but will double check.

President Cordes asked if the trees being planted is ok with the Soccer Association?

Council Liaison Fowler stated yes.

Trustee Music informed he did obtain an estimate for frisbee golf. He informed with no labor and 9 holes, it would cost approximately \$3,000.

President Cordes asked where would the holes be?

Trustee Music stated he would love to see a City wide frisbee golf course. He stated it would help draw people to town.

President Cordes stated it would also help get usage of our other parks.

Trustee Music stated he knows we could get metal poles made locally for a gaga ball pit and probably have it donated. He stated since Golden Gate Park gets the most activity and a lot of kids, it would probably be the best location for a gaga ball pit.

President Cordes reported she spoke with the Sorority and they will provide hotdogs for the upcoming work day scheduled. She informed she also spoke with the Optimists about the work day and they are willing to help. She stated she would like to have an idea of the number of groups participating. She asked if the Chamber would be willing to help?

Trustee Music stated that was the plan.

President Cordes asked how do Park Board Members want to reach out to the various groups with information on volunteering?

Trustee Vance suggested President Cordes send an email to each Park Board Member with the information and then they will forward it to groups they have spoken with.

Trustee Vance asked when will they start planning for the Christmas in the Park event?

President Cordes stated she thought at the next Park Board Meeting. She informed a Christmas play has been approved by the Community Theatre and buses will be provided by the school again. She informed the Theatre would like to do three showings again and thought about opening up their dress rehearsal to the public. She stated the Theatre will take care of sharing more information about the Christmas play. She reminded they do still have decorations from last year. She stated the Shelter Rental Agreement does now state Christmas decorations will be up in the buildings during December.

President Cordes asked when we will apply for the Wal-Mart grant for this year?

City Manager/Interim finance Director Keaton informed it is usually done in November.

Trustee Haney stated she would like to use the grant money this year to buy more outside decorations and lights.

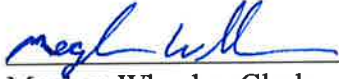
Discussion on reaching out to the different service groups that have shelters they could sponsor and decorate.

In Old Business,

City Manager/Interim Finance Director Keaton informed the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) we submitted in May, which one included the installation of a sidewalk from the Theatre to Golden Gate Park, has been postponed. She stated all CDBG projects have been postponed because the funds have been shifted for tornado relief. She stated we will re-apply next year.

There was no New Business.

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


Meghan Wheeler, Clerk


Bonnie Cordes, President