Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Haney at 7:30 p.m. on September 14, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Blevins, Cordes and Vance; Acting Clerk Brandt and Council Liaison Fowler were present. Manager Keaton was absent.

Roll call by President Haney.

Motion by Cordes, second by Blevins to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Blevins, second by Vance to approve the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Ryan Clemmons, with Boy Scout Troop #47, stated he is present this evening to request permission to construct a gaga ball pit for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to build the gaga ball pit in Westbrook Park. Mr. Clemmons commented that he is putting together a fundraiser for the gaga ball pit and future Eagle scout projects. Mr. Clemmons asked if the City could assist with the preparation of the pit by scraping off the grass where the gaga ball pit will be located. Mr. Clemmons indicated he would like to start sometime in late Fall or in the Spring of 2022.

Member Vance commented that she really like Ryan's fundraiser idea.

Member Vance asked if the gaga ball pit will be constructed at Westbrook Park or at Ward Park, as it seems Ward Park is always forgotten.

Mr. Clemmons stated he would like to construct the gaga ball pit at Westbrook Road as more children visit that park because many children are there for soccer games.

President Haney asked if the fundraiser booklet is complete.

Mr. Clemmons responded they began the booklet a couple months ago, and they are still working on it.

Motion by Cordes, second by Vance to approve the Eagle Scout gaga ball pit project for Westbrook Park. All yeas, motion carried.

President Haney reported Park Board has a copy of Manager Keaton's September Report.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up $17,175 through August 2021, compared to this same time last year. Donations are up $11,606 and Adult Softball League Fees are up $8,635 through this same time last year.

Manager Keaton reported she met with Ryan and his dad Todd, and she is excited to learn we may have another gaga ball pit in Brookville, and possibly two if he raises enough money.

Manager Keaton reported that she applied for a Walmart Community Grant in the amount of $1,500. This amount includes providing the Police Department funding to purchase items for the Christmas in the Park Event. To date, she has not received an update on our grant application.

Manager Keaton reported Ghostly Night Out is currently scheduled for October 23, 2021. Park Board will be kept informed if there are any changes due to COVID.

Manager Keaton reported during August, we had to repair several door levers in the outside Women's restroom. The cost of those repairs totaled $1,459.

Manager Keaton reported the Concessionaire for the Adult Softball Program resigned as Concessionaire at the end of August. She reached out to the individual who ran that concession stand the last few years, and she will finish out this year.

Manager Keaton reported the open-air shelter behind the Caretaker cabin will have new shingles and gable ends thanks to Thrush & Sons and the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce. During the Community Picnic, she noticed several holes in the roof while sitting under that shelter. The City has several sheets of wood decking that will be used to repair the holes, and then Thrush & Son will provide and install the shingles this Fall. The Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce took this shelter on several years ago, and they agreed to pay the costs to use composite paneling on the gable ends to replace the existing siding. She would like to give a huge shout-out to the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce and Thrush & Son for their contributions in rehabbing this open-air shelter.

Trustee Blevins had no report.

Trustee Cordes had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

President Haney handed out a preliminary list of participants from last year's Christmas in the Park event, plus a list of what items they have in storage. President Haney would like for each of the Trustees to contact last years participants to see if they want to participate again this year. President Haney indicated that the Trustees could reach out to new organizations or businesses for participation, as she would like to see groups decorate the Grove and the bridge this year. President Haney stated she would like to have a Work Session sometime in October to discuss other details.

Trustee Vance inquired if the Christmas in the Park hours will be 6:00-9:00 p.m.?

President Haney stated last year the event was held from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Trustee Vance commented that she thought three hours was too long.

Trustee Cordes indicated the gates close at 9:00 p.m.

President Haney indicated that we ran out of goody bags last year. Depending on how much money we have this year, she suspects we are always going to run out of goody bags.

Trustee Vance personally thinks three hours is too long. Trustee Vance stated she thinks we should change it to 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. as the lights would remain on so if people wanted to view the lights they could, but there will not be any goody bags, or music.

Discussion continued on the hours that should be scheduled, prior to designing the event.

President Haney commented she would like to see the main gazebo decorated this year.

President Haney replied, we will figure this out during our next meeting after our Work Session.

Trustee Vance asked if they would be interested in the high school band or choir come out and perform while people are driving through.

President Haney stated she did not have a problem with that, but many times the kids have a lot going on during December.

Discussion continued on how the drive thru event could be setup if we allow the band to play or the choir to sing Christmas carols.

Trustee Cordes replied that is a good idea, but we will have to work that out so that people can continue to drive through, and it doesn't stop the flow of traffic.

Trustee Cordes stated that Don Cordes asked if a flyer could be created that would list the time and the place for the Christmas play. The flyer could be placed inside the goody bags. There will be no tickets. The play is on a first come, first service basis.

The consensus of Park Board is to hold a Work Session on October 12 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Christmas in the Park event.

Motion by Blevins, second by Cordes to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Michelle Brandt, Acting Clerk

Carolyn Haney, President