Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Haney at 7:30 p.m. on November 9, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Blevins, Cordes and Vance; Manager Keaton, and Council Liaison Fowler were present. Acting Clerk Brandt was not present.

Roll call by President Haney.

Motion by Cordes, second by Vance to adopt the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Vance, second by Blevins to approve the October 12, 2021 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Ann Stammen, with the Brookville Baseball Club, stated they are still trying to do some improvements at Golden Gate Park, and they are hoping to cover the dugouts next year. We have pictures of what we would like to do, and Adam Friedlander, with BBC, is going to do the dugouts. We also have an interest in putting in a permanent batting cage, which Dennis Stammen has pictures of. We would like to put in a batting cage like the one located at the high school. We are thinking about the grass area next to the shed building that is by Diamond 5 and 6, by the back parking lot area, out of everyone's way. The concrete base will be 20' x 90', with Astro turf on the inside. The cage itself is 70' x 12' x 15' so the net will not get tangled up while mowing.

Trustee Vance asked if they would leave the net up all year round?

Ms. Stammen replied we would take it down in the winter and have it up during the spring, summer and fall.

Ms. Stammen commented we would like to put it up this year but for sure before the ball season next year. At least the concrete this year and the cage up before spring. The other thing is dugouts, we have high hopes of covering the dugouts but as we looked at different plans, it's incredibly expensive. Greenville has a nice facility, and it is a less expensive way to provide cover for the teams. They would install a chain link fence above the current dugouts with a canvas material on top, again that canvas material will be taken down for winter. We thought it was a good balance of capital expenditure and functionality.

Trustee Vance asked where the batting cage net and the canvas for the dugouts would be stored in the winter months?

Ms. Stammen replied, we have cleared out a lot of things in the two garages that we have so we can store them in there, or the concession stand.

Motion by Vance, second by Blevins to allow the Brookville Baseball Club to install a permanent batting cage adjacent to Diamond 5 and their storage building in Golden Gate Park and to allow Brookville Baseball Club to install canvas covers over the dugouts as presented at their cost. All yeas, motion carried.

Trustee Cordes asked Ms. Stammen if the Brookville Baseball Club was going to put up decorations for Christmas in the Park?

Ms. Stammen replied if the decorations from last year are bad then we would have to purchase new. We would have to ask the BBC Board if they would be willing do that.

Ms. Stammen stated she has a massive snowman made out of wood, it doesn't have lights on it, but it could go up against a fence and she could try to get some lights on it. They will bring it up to the park on November 19.

Denise Reim wanted to ask a question and then she will go from there. Ms. Reim asked what time the Cross Country Meet on September 10, 2022 will be over?

Manager Keaton replied usually between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Reim is wondering how quickly they will be out because Ms. Reim is having Chase Electric come in and pull up all the electric outlets for the food vendors. She would like to know what's the earliest time Chase could be there?

Manager Keaton replied, 3:00 p.m. Manager Keaton asked Ms. Reim if she could get her number or email so that she can get back with her on food trucks and vendors after she discusses the particulars of the Cross Country Meet with the Athletic Director.

Ms. Reim indicated she does not want to have the event on another day and will try to work around the Cross-Country Meet. Ms. Reim does not have the 501c3 designation that they asked her to have for this meeting, nor does she have the insurance. Ms. Reim asked what amount of insurance does the City require?

Manager Keaton replied we need at least a $1M liability policy.

Ms. Reim stated she contacted Rumpke and they no longer have the event boxes for trash. If she were to get her hands on some of those containers, can she put those in the dumpster?

Manager Keaton replied those containers could not be placed in the City's dumpsters as they would fill the dumpsters. Manager Keaton stated she would need to rent her own dumpster.

Trustee Blevins suggested that Ms. Reim not make this event as large as she had hoped for.

All Members expressed that it will be overwhelming and with the Cross Country Meet on the same day, there will be a conflict with parking and food prep for the food trucks. Park Board Members suggested if she did not want to move the date, then start the event later.

Park Board suggested the event start at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., after the park is cleaned up from the Cross Country Meet. The City Manager and Fire Chief Fletcher will need a layout of where the fireworks are going to be. The layout will have to be approved to be sure it is not in the way of Cross Country runners. Ms. Reim is encouraged to come to the Park Board meeting on December 14, with the proper paperwork.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up $19,985 through October 2021, compared to this same time last year. Donations are up $19,152 and Adult Softball League and Tournament Fees are up $7,840 through this same time last year.

Manager Keaton reported last month she reported that we received an anonymous donation to paint pickleball courts on the tennis courts at Westbrook Park. Image Pavement attempted to paint those on two separate occasions, but it would not adhere due to the cool temperatures, so this project will resume next Spring when it warms up.

Manager Keaton also reported our Walmart Community Grant was approved, and we received our $1,500 check on November 1. Park Board has a copy of the spreadsheet that shows the grant, donations, and expenditures for Christmas in the Park.

Manager Keaton reported last weekend we had someone break the lock on the exit gate. That has since been repaired.

Manager Keaton reported five memorial trees were planted in Golden Gate and Ward parks in 2021.

Manager Keaton said the Chamber's Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The tree lighting has a new location in Gruenig Park.

Trustee Blevins reported early next week we will have a 14-foot Fat Albert Blue Spruce planted in Gruenig Park for our Christmas tree lighting, and it will be a permanent tree. The tree should get about 40 feet tall, so that's a classic Christmas tree to have.

Trustee Cordes had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

President Haney wanted to thank the anonymous donor for the pickleball court, that is something that has been on the wishlist for many years. There's been a lot of interest in it.

President Haney also thanked the Clayton Walmart for approving our grant because that enabled us to add new lights every year.

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

Sonja M. Keaton
Manager Keaton, City Manager

Carolyn Haney
Carolyn Haney, President