

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Blevins at 7:30 p.m. on September 13, 2022 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Cordes, Haney and Wilson; Council Liaison Fowler, Manager Keaton and Clerk Duncan were present.

Roll call by President Blevins.

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

Motion by Cordes, second by Haney to approve the August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton welcomed new Park Trustee Loren Wilson and thanked outgoing Park Trustee Jenny Vance for her six years of service to the Park Board.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up \$4,247 compared to this same time last year. Donations are also up \$17,182. League and tournament fees from the Adult Softball Program are down about \$4,385.

Manager Keaton advised she received the 2021 profit/loss statement from the Pee Wee Football Association.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone that Ghostly Night Out is scheduled for October 22 at Golden Gate Park. The Police Department is currently accepting candy and financial donations.

Manager Keaton reported the DMAX Family Day Event at Golden Gate Park was well attended and went off without any problems. They had good weather and enjoyed the park for their event.

Manager Keaton reported the City took delivery of a new drinking fountain purchased with a donation from Delta Theta Tau Sorority. It will be installed in front of Shelter #3 in Golden Gate once we receive the plaque recognizing the sorority.

Manager Keaton reported due to inclement weather, the Salem Church of God group was not able to stain the Golden Gate Castle Playground. They will keep this on their radar as a future project, hopefully this fall.

Manager Keaton provided a picture of the restored walking bridge that connects the Hunters Run development with Golden Gate Park. The Service Department replaced all the decking and the wood underneath, which had rotted out. They were able to power wash and reuse the railings. Manager Keaton thanked the Service Department for their quick work to restore the bridge before the next football game.

Manager Keaton requested Park Board authorization to apply for the Walmart Community Grant for the Christmas in the Park event. Manager Keaton reported we have been awarded \$1,500 in from 2018 forward, with the exception of 2020 during Covid, when we applied for and received \$750.

Motion by Haney, second by Cordes to authorize Manager Keaton to apply for the Walmart Community Grant in the amount of \$1,500. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton reported since Park Permits are up over \$4,000, she is going to replace the awning at the Christena Leiber Center.

Manager Keaton reported there was a small fire near the Christena Leiber Center on Friday evening when an electric box on the ground caught fire. AES worked all night to replace it and had it completed before the Cross-Country Invitational on Saturday morning.

Manager Keaton reported the Cross-Country Invitational went well with no issues reported by our Park Caretaker.

Council Liaison Fowler inquired whether we have ever researched any grants to install an additional shelter?

Manager Keaton replied she has researched grants for a new shelter, but they are few and far between. The State has funding every two years where you can apply for capital projects. Manager Keaton stated she has applied for these funds to replace Shelter #2 that was demolished some time ago. The engineering and renderings are already completed for the proposed Shelter.

Trustee Cordes reported it is time to start planning the Christmas in the Park event.

Trustee Haney agreed, stating Park Board has to start thinking about the Christmas in the Park event as it is approaching quickly. Trustee Haney stated we now have electric to the shelters on the east side of the Park, which will give us lights all around the park. Trustee Haney commented we need to start looking at purchasing some new lights this year for the wreath we bought last year and for other displays.

Trustee Wilson stated she would love to help with replacing the lights on the wreath and any other craft items.

Trustee Haney commented we need to start reaching out to the groups who have participated in the Christmas event in the past.

Trustee Wilson had no report.

President Blevins advised with the approaching Fall season, there are a lot of events at the park. Trustees should be available to scope out the park and report any thing that needs to be addressed.

President Blevins thanked Jenny Vance for her service on the Park Board and commented that she has offered to continue supporting Park Board.

President Blevins reported the Christmas in the Park event is scheduled for December 2, 2022. Park Board needs to start by scheduling a day in October to do some clean-up and to make sure the lights are all in working order.

Trustee Haney suggested a Work Session prior to the October Park Board meeting.

The consensus is to hold a Work Session on October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss reaching out to groups, purchases they need to make, goody bags and event flyers.

Trustee Haney stated former Trustee Jenny Vance indicated she may be able to prepare the event flyers. Trustee Haney suggested inviting Ms. Vance to the Work Session.

President Blevins replied that is a good idea. He stated this would be a great meeting for past groups or new groups participating in the event to attend. The date for set-up can also be determined at this meeting.

Trustee Haney commented we should be sure to reserve Shelter 3 to use on that date.

Discussion followed about contacting previous participants and new groups who are interested in sponsoring a display.

Trustee Wilson stated that Brookville High School students need to log a number of volunteer hours in order to graduate. Trustee Wilson stated the students could be helpful with setup and tear down. If Park Board is interested, she could ask to see if there is any student interest in volunteering to help with the event.

Park Trustees indicated they are interested in help from the students.

Manager Keaton asked if the children's Christmas play will be held after the Optimist Breakfast with Santa event?

Trustee Cordes replied that is correct. The Breakfast with Santa event will be held on December 3 and the play will follow.

Council Liaison Fowler asked if the Community Theatre members would be willing to decorate the Community Theatre?

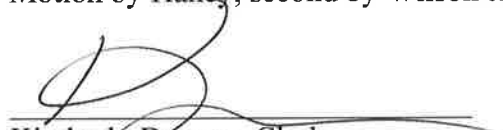
Trustee Cordes stated they do decorate the theatre with a tree and a few other items.

Motion by Cordes, second by Haney to hold the Christmas in the Park kick-off event on December 2, 2022. All yeas, motion carried.

Member Cordes suggested the Trustees indicate which groups they are going to contact regarding sponsoring a display at the event.

The Trustees each indicated which groups they plan to contact. The consensus was to email other Park Board members if anyone contacts a new group or business, so that potential participants are not contacted twice.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Adam Blevins, President