

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Blevins at 7:30 p.m. on June 13, 2023 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 Cordes, second by Haney to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to approve the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Eagle Scout Ryan Clemmons, of 841 Flanders Avenue, Brookville, Ohio, presented the Troop 47 Service Project for the Golden Gate Park Amphitheater, which would provide a meeting theater in the park for groups seating up to 120 people. Scout Clemmons stated it could be used for skits, plays, lectures, music, storytelling and more. The project would provide add-on opportunities for future Eagle Scout or service projects. Eagle Scout Clemmons advised the project would be completed by late spring or summer of 2024, at a cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

Scoutmaster Todd Clemmons, of 841 Flanders Avenue, Brookville, Ohio, presented four possible locations for the Golden Gate Park Amphitheater, three of which were inside Golden Gate Park and one on the other side of Wolf Creek, near the Community Theater.

President Blevins asked how the project will be funded?

Eagle Scout Clemmons replied they plan to use the remaining funds from his Eagle Scout Project and then raise additional funds for the balance.

Scoutmaster Todd Clemmons added there are several organizations that may be interested in funding the entire project. He also clarified this is a Scout Service Project, not an Eagle Scout Project.

Council Liaison Fowler inquired whether they have considered using composite lumber as it would increase the longevity of the project. He also asked whether they are adding a brick wall at the back of the amphitheater?

Scoutmaster Todd Clemmons replied he has not looked into composite lumber but he will check into it. They do not plan to add any type of wall at the back of the amphitheater. They do plan to add flagpoles, which temporary screening could be attached to, in order to show a movie or a presentation.

Trustee Haney suggested Park Board meet with the Scouts to look at the proposed sites before making a decision.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Cordes, second by Wilson to approve the Troop 47 Service Project Proposal for the Golden Gate Park Amphitheater, with the location to be determined. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton reported park permits are up \$1,273 and donations are down \$14,178 from this same time last year. League Fees for the Adult Softball Program are up \$2,420 compared to May 2022.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department filled in the edges along the basketball courts in GG Park and at Ward Park. They also made some repairs to the area around the basketball courts at Ward Park.

Manager Keaton advised during a recent risk assessment inspection of our playground equipment, it was determined that we need to remove several older pieces of playground equipment due to the chance a string from clothing could get caught in the washers. We are unable to locate replacement washers for this equipment, so we will be removing the blue metal stagecoach, the metal dome, and the rubber walking mat. Once those items are removed, we plan to install the playground donated by KOA, in the area where we are removing playground equipment.

President Blevins and Trustee Wilson indicated that they each know someone who may be able to fabricate the replacement washers needed for this equipment.

Manager Keaton stated she will reach out to Longhorn Fab Shop.

Manager Keaton thanked the Class of 2023 and the Brookville Alumni Association who participated in the Serve Brookville event last month. Participants were able to assist with staining the interior of the Castle Playground, painting the swing set frames in Golden Gate Park, painting the gates and open-air shelter in Westbrook Park, and placing mulch in Westbrook Park. Manager Keaton stated their hard work was greatly appreciated.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department resumed clearing the creek bed in Golden Gate Park. They also removed a lot of dead pine trees and overgrown brush in Westbrook Park.

Manager Keaton advised that Brookville Schools is donating 18 nearly new picnic tables that they purchased during COVID, which they no longer use. Manager Keaton reported we will be replacing all wood picnic tables in our parks that are in poor to fair condition with these donated picnic tables.

Manager Keaton reported we have had a major problem with people parking in the grass at Golden Gate Park during BBC games this year. We have signs posted throughout the park, but people are either ignoring the signs or they just do not read. A rope has been added temporarily to stop people from parking in the grass near BBC's Diamond #10. Manager Keaton advised we are looking at

ways to increase parking within the park, but the problem with that is, if the parking is not near where people want to park for an event, they will continue to park on the grass, as nobody seems to want to walk anymore.

Manager Keaton reported we are also having a problem with kids deliberately clogging the toilets at the park.

Trustee Cordes presented the landscaping plan for the proposed McMaken's grove at Golden Gate Park. Trustee Cordes stated ARO Landscaping would like to start on the grove after the Community Picnic.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to approve the proposal and placement of a new grove sponsored by Jack McMaken at Golden Gate Park. All yeas, motion carried.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Wilson had no report.

President Blevins commented Park Board still needs to find a date to organize the Christmas in the Park decorations in the storage shed.

President Blevins commented the park grounds look amazing and thanked the Service Department for all of their hard work.

President Blevins advised Park Board needs to set a date to meet with Scoutmaster Clemmons and Eagle Scout Clemmons to inspect possible site locations for the proposed amphitheater project.

The consensus was to meet at the Leiber Center at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Adam Blevins, President