

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Blevins at 7:30 p.m. on August 8, 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 Haney, second by Wilson to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, second by Cordes to approve the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Dennis Stammen, of Brookville Baseball Club, stated BBC would like to resurface and add drainage tile to Diamond 7. Diamonds 8 and 4 were resurfaced last year, without adding drainage tile, and they continue to hold some water. Mr. Stammen stated they wanted to make sure that the City approves of running the tile behind the Leiber Center.

Manager Keaton stated she will have our Service Superintendent Joe Hamiel assess the area to make sure there will not be any difficulties.

Ann Stammen, BBC President, stated in the long term, BBC would like to tile all six diamonds. However, it is an expensive process.

Council Liaison Fowler arrived.

Ms. Stammen advised BBC is also still working toward installing a batting cage near Diamond 5, where the lawn tractor pull was recently held. They hope to have that done by the end of the year.

Mr. Stammen reported BBC will also be bringing in some infield mix to fill holes on the diamonds and asked for an appropriate spot to dump the mix. The medium sized truck load of mix would be there until they get all the holes filled, maybe through spring.

Manager Keaton suggested putting the mix pile near the Boy Scouts storage area. Manager Keaton stated the pile of sand that is currently there for the softball diamonds will be moved near the city garage as it is a liability for young children who may want to play in the sand. Manager Keaton stated she will pick a location for BBC to put the mix and let them know.

Ms. Stammen reported BBC sent a survey out to the parents of all kids who participated in this season. They received 73 responses. The biggest concerns were parking and cleanliness of the bathrooms. Ms. Stammen commented there is constantly an issue with the toilets leaking in both the men's and women's restrooms. Another issue that was raised is fixing the water fountain at the cluster. Ms. Stammen commented she does not always understand what BBC is responsible for

and what the City is responsible for. Ms. Stammen asked if BBC would be responsible for repairing the toilets and the water fountain? She commented BBC does not want to pay the water bill for the cluster water fountain?

Manager Keaton responded that each organization has to pay for all improvements within their own concession stand building. Manager Keaton stated the City can look at installing a fountain by the cluster. The fountain that was recently installed near Building 3 was purchased with funds donated by the Delta Theta Tau Sorority at a cost of \$4,000. Manager Keaton stated the drinking fountain near the cluster was damaged beyond repair by vandalism. Manager Keaton advised that the Pee Wee FB Board has requested their fountain be removed as it is leaking. Manager Keaton stated the City does not have the funds this year to install a fountain at the cluster. It would have to be purchased with donations.

Council Liaison Fowler advised BBC could reach out to the Optimist Club, Delta Theta Tau or other local organizations for funds to purchase a fountain.

Manager Keaton advised BBC is responsible for the material cost of repairs or improvements to their restrooms. The City provides the labor.

Ms. Stammen stated she is also trying to understand the new responsibility of taking trash cans to the parking lot and moving them back to the cluster.

Manager Keaton replied we have a new contract with Rumpke to pick up the trash in the park. Each organization is responsible for bringing the trash cans to the location that Rumpke uses to empty them. Rumpke cannot drive down into the fields to empty the trash. Our Service Department empties the small trash cans that are near our open-air park shelters.

Ms. Stammen asked if the City should be emptying the small trash cans near their concession stand? Ms. Stammen stated it is overwhelming for them to empty those cans and drag all the toters up for Rumpke to empty.

Manager Keaton replied the City does not have the manpower to empty all of the trash cans in the park. That is why we contracted with Rumpke to pick up the trash in the park. Manager Keaton advised she is open to suggestions if BBC can think of a better way to handle emptying the trash cans.

Ms. Stammen inquired about the parking situation at the park and asked if that is being addressed?

President Blevins responded any time there is a large group of people at the park, parking is a concern. The City and Park Board are looking into how the situation can be addressed.

Manager Keaton commented she is looking at adding more parking, however, it will be costly. Manager Keaton advised she has attended her grandchildren's sporting events at other city parks and found we have more parking than other communities.

Ms. Stammen stated she has received numerous text messages with pictures of cars parked on the grass in other city parks, even though there are signs prohibiting parking on the grass. Ms. Stammen stated there is often a lot of open parking that people do not drive far enough to see. Ms. Stammen stated she asked all of the coaches to advise their parents not to park on the grass. Ms. Stammen stated that one night the Police Department issued over 40 tickets.

Trustee Wilson stated many parents have complained to her about the parking tickets that have been issued. The parents asked her if the Police Department issued parking tickets to those who parked on the grass during the Community Picnic. The parents also complained to her about the mud pit created by the lawn tractor pull. Trustee Wilson wondered how the Police Department can ticket people attending baseball games and not ticket people attending the Community Picnic for parking on the same grass.

President Blevins stated he has had the same conversation with several people. The difference is the Chamber of Commerce asked the City for permission to park on the grass.

Trustee Cordes stated the Community Picnic is once a year. Baseball games continue for months.

Ms. Stammen stated Police Chief Jerome was angry with her over the parking situation. She stated all she could do was ask people not to park on the grass.

Manager Keaton stated the storage area was roped off because there were so many cars parked near the t-ball area it was dangerous for small children. Manager Keaton commented cars and kids do not mix.

Manager Keaton advised she is looking at adding an additional 43 parking spots beyond the outfield of Diamond 5. Unfortunately, this is the area where BBC wants to install a batting cage. Manager Keaton indicated on a map where the parking currently is and where the proposed new parking would be. Whether we can add this parking or not will come down to funds.

Ms. Stammen commented the batting cage location can be installed elsewhere.

Ms. Stammen also suggested installing signage pointing the way to additional parking.

Manager Keaton gave a shout out to the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce for the wonderful 72nd annual Brookville Community Picnic, despite the hot temperatures and early morning storm on Saturday. The fireworks show was great and it looked like everyone had a fun time.

Manager Keaton reported park permits are up \$1,546 and donations are down just over \$14,000 from this same time last year. League Fees for the Adult Softball Program are up \$3,700 compared to July of 2022.

Manager Keaton reported she has the signed agreement from Pee Wee Football for their 2023 season, along with their Certificate of Liability Insurance, their 2023 schedule, a list of their 2023 Board members and their Profit/Loss Statement for 2022. There are currently four home games which are on August 19, September 16, September 23 and September 30. The first game starts at

1:00 p.m. and the last game starts at 5:30 p.m. There will likely be some tournament games at the end of the season.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone of the Bryston Keating Memorial Day Wiffle Ball Tournament on August 27 at Golden Gate Park from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The event will bring about 400 participants. All of the baseball and softball fields will be in use, as well as the BBC Concession stand.

Manager Keaton reported the annual Brookville Cross Country Invitational is on September 9. The event will begin early in the morning and finish between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Manager Keaton reported the Ghostly Night Out event is scheduled for October 21 and the Optimist Pumpkin Walk is scheduled for November 4. Both events will be held at Golden Gate Park.

Manager Keaton reported ARO Landscaping has begun work on McMakens Grove and should be finished by the end of the week. Jack McMaken donated the money for this grove.

Trustee Cordes had no report.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Wilson had no report.

President Blevins reported he has had follow-up conversations with the Boy Scouts regarding the location of the proposed amphitheater. The proposed sites have been narrowed down to proposed site 4, which is near the BMX track, and site 5, near Gateway Park and behind the Waffle House. Site 5 provides a handicap area and site 4 has a nice ambience.

Manager Keaton inquired whether the Scouts are still interested in installing a footbridge connecting Gateway Park to Golden Gate Park?

President Blevins replied the Scouts did indicate interest in the footbridge as a future project.

Discussion followed regarding the advantages and disadvantages of each site.

Motion by Wilson to approve the Boy Scout Amphitheater Project at proposed site 4, near the old BMX building. There was no second. Motion died.

The consensus of Park Board is to recess the meeting to allow the Trustees to go look at the sites. The meeting will reconvene at the proposed sites.

Motion by Wilson, second by Haney to recess at the end of the meeting and reconvene at Golden Gate Park to look at the two proposed site locations. All yeas, motion carried.

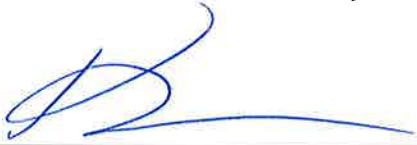
Manager Keaton advised she would like to start on the Walmart Grant application for the Christmas in the Park event and asked for Park Board approval to get started.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to authorize Manager Keaton to submit a grant application to Walmart for the Christmas in the Park event. All yeas, motion carried.

The meeting was temporarily recessed at the City building and reconvened at the Golden Gate Park proposed site locations.

Motion by Cordes, second by Wilson to approve proposed site 4, near the old BMX building, for the Boy Scout Amphitheater Project. All yeas, motion carried.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Adam Blevins, President

