

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Blevins at 7:30 p.m. on April 9, 2024 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Cordes, Haney and Wilson; Council Liaison Fowler, Manager Kuntz 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 Wilson to approve the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Kuntz reported Park Permits are up \$990 year to date and donations are down over \$500 when compared to this same time period in 2023.

Manager Kuntz reported Michaela Manning has accepted an offer to become the next caretaker at Golden Gate Park. We are currently in the process of finalizing the contract agreement and coordinating the transition. We will invite her to attend a Park Board meeting once a contract is signed.

Manager Kuntz reported the Serve Brookville group has agreed to do some projects at Gruenig Park during their May 17 student service day. Manager Kuntz asked Park Board if they had any other projects they would like to submit for the service day?

President Blevins suggested some clean-up at Powell Park and helping the service department with the borders and mulch for the toddler swing area.

Park Liaison Fowler suggested checking with Brookville Soccer Association for any work that needs done at the Westbrook Soccer Complex.

Manager Kuntz reported the city would like to restock the pond at Golden Gate Park. This has not been done for a few years, and he believes this would encourage people to come the park to fish and provide local civic organizations with an opportunity to hold fishing derbies for the local youth throughout the year.

Manager Kuntz reported the Girl Scouts would like to do a "Kindness Rocks Project" at Golden Gate Park. The rocks would be painted with encouraging and inspirational messages, and would be available in a rock garden for people to take a rock or leave a rock.

Motion by Haney, second by Wilson to approve the Girl Scout "Kindness Rocks Project" at Golden Gate Park, near the Castle Walkway, with the stipulation that the rock garden will be removed if it becomes a nuisance. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Kuntz reported that Brookville Baseball Club (BBC) repainted the concession stand restrooms. The city was to purchase the paint and supplies; however, BBC needed to move forward as they had help with the painting during Brookville School's spring break. BBC is asking for reimbursement.

Trustee Wilson presented general receipts from BBC for paint and labor, wall mounted changing tables and other miscellaneous supplies. She stated she can get itemized receipts if needed.

Manager Kuntz advised the paint and supplies are maintenance and improvement items that are covered under the 2024 park budget. The labor was not budgeted for and will not be reimbursed.

Motion by Haney, second by Cordes to approve the reimbursement for paint and supplies for improvements to the BBC restrooms. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Kuntz reported Jessica Cecrle, of the Market Street Connection, is present to request the use of Gruening Park for their new community outreach program entitled "Third Thursdays." This program, created and operated by a group of Market Street businesses in downtown Brookville, will occur on the third Thursday of every month from April through October. Each event will take place from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and will include food trucks, vendors, and various crafts as well as fun family activities for the community to enjoy.

Ms. Cecrle stated the Market Street Connection group is super excited, and has various events, along with the Third Thursdays, planned throughout the summer for all ages. Ms. Cecrle stated she started her business as a mobile boutique attending events like Third Thursday and grew enough to open a brick and mortar location. She is hopeful that the event will eventually help bring more permanent store fronts to downtown Brookville.

Trustee Wilson asked if there are any specific needs that will help move this event along?

Ms. Cecrle replied if the Third Thursday event takes off, more seating would probably be helpful.

Manager Kuntz commented as the event grows, he can see the need for more seating and some decorative lighting to create an environment that makes people want to come. The first few months will be trial and error to see how the event goes.

Trustee Wilson asked for contact information for people who want to get involved in the event.

Ms. Cecrle replied interested parties can email marketstreetconnections@gmail.com.

Motion by Wilson, second by Cordes to approve the Market Street Connection Third Thursday events beginning April 19 and running through October in Gruenig Park. All yeas, motion carried.

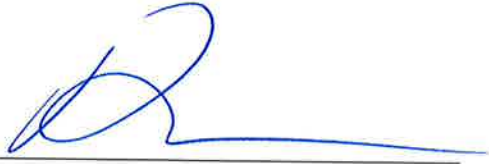
Trustee Cordes had no report.

Member Haney had no report.

Member Wilson had no report.

President Blevins reported 73 people came out to help with the Park Clean-up Event. President Blevins thanked everyone who participated in the event.

Motion by Wilson, second by Cordes to adjourn.

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Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

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Adam Blevins, President

