

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney, Music and Vance; Clerk Duncan and Manager Keaton were present. Council Liaison Fowler was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

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

Motion by Haney, second by Music to approve the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Chip Prinz, of the Brookville Select Soccer League, asked for permission to use the soccer fields as their home fields for four fall games and four spring games for a U-13 team. Mr. Prinz advised he also sits on the SAY Soccer Board. Mr. Prinz advised the Brookville Soccer Association has approved the use of the fields, he just needs Park Board approval.

President Cordes advised Council Liaison Fowler has already informally spoken to Park Board regarding this request. The Park Trustees have no issue with it, however, President Cordes requested Mr. Prinz submit his request in writing.

Mr. Prinz stated he will not be sure of the schedule for 4-6 weeks and asked if he needs to come back to Park Board to present his request?

President Cordes advised Mr. Prinz could submit his written request to Council Liaison Fowler.

Manager Keaton welcomed everyone back to the first public meeting since March. Manager Keaton reported the park buildings were recently reopened after being closed for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Manager Keaton reported all reservations were cancelled while the park buildings were closed and many continue to cancel or reschedule reservations due to pandemic concerns. Manager Keaton reported to date, the City has issued \$4,567 in park permit refunds, with no penalties applied to the cancellations.

Manager Keaton proposed the building rental times be modified for the first session to allow more time for the caretakers to thoroughly clean between the sessions. Manager Keaton suggested changing the first session from 9:00 until 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and leaving the second session as 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. If the caretakers end up needing more time as our park rentals pick up, we can modify the second session to start at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Haney, second by Music to change the first building rental session to 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton advised she has stocked up on cleaning supplies for the caretakers. The only thing lacking right now are gloves and the hand sanitizer dispensers, which are currently backordered. Manager Keaton reported the City made the down payment in April for the horse and wagon ride for Christmas in the Park. Manager Keaton reported the Community Blood Center is now using the Leiber Center for their monthly blood drive. The first drive was very successful with 70-80 donors. Manager Keaton reported the staining of the Castle Playground has been postponed due to the expense of the project. Manager Keaton reported the playgrounds and basketball courts have been closed since March. The State has allowed the playgrounds to open tomorrow, but the basketball courts remain closed as this is considered a high contact sport. Manager Keaton reported the tennis courts were opened on June 1, 2020, with health safety guidelines posted. New nets were ordered and installed for the tennis courts at Westbrook Park. Manager Keaton stated recent inspections revealed some light fixtures on the basketball courts were out and need to be upgraded and replaced. These upgrades are on hold as the cost for this project is \$3,700. Manager Keaton reported BBC is starting a short baseball/softball season on June 2, 2020.

Trustee Music asked if the lights are completely out on the basketball courts?

Manager Keaton replied there are lights but not all are fully working.

Caretaker Shelly Music commented kids keep taking the closed signs down at the basketball courts and suggested removing the basketball rims all together.

Manager Keaton agreed the rims may need to come down if it continues to be an issue.

Manager Keaton reported adult softball season has started a mini-spring session, and will have a shorter summer and fall session. The concession stand is open and the operator is following the COVID-19 guidelines.

Manager Keaton reported the City purchased eight replacement folding chairs for the rental buildings and posted no swimming signs near the pond due to some recent swimmers during the hot weather.

Manager Keaton reported the Buddy Bench was installed at Golden Gate Park.

Manager Keaton advised an addendum waiver to our Park Rental Agreement regarding health and safety was drafted by our legal Council, which we are requiring all renters to sign.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

Trustee Vance asked if the Community Picnic is still scheduled as planned?

Trustee Music advised the Chamber Board of Directors is moving forward with the picnic plans. The City is not sponsoring the fireworks display this year but the Board is hoping to get enough donations to cover the cost of the fireworks. Trustee Music stated there is a lot of criteria to meet,

and the Chamber is working hard to meet all the guidelines and still have the most normal picnic possible.

President Cordes reported the Buddy Bench donated by Brookville Elementary PTA was recently dedicated and installed at Golden Gate Park. President Cordes thanked the PTA, PTA President Christa Fore for donating the bench, and thanked the kids and the many others who made the bench possible.

President Cordes asked if Manager Keaton if she has contacted our Risk Management Firm for the guidelines regarding the Skate Park signs?

Manager Keaton replied she has not had the opportunity to meet with them due to the pandemic, but she will reach out to them now that things are starting to open up.

Trustee Music commented the SK8 Park looks great!

President Cordes asked Trustee Vance if the event for the multi-age Ward Park Project will be rescheduled?

Trustee Vance advised it will not be rescheduled.

President Cordes inquired whether Trustee Music had checked on the prices for the gaga ball project?

Trustee Haney commented that is a contact sport.

Trustee Music replied he has not, but he will get cost estimates on installing gaga ball as well as the frisbee golf.

Trustee Vance inquired whether we are still recognizing the Castle Anniversary at the Picnic? Discussion followed with the consensus being the Chamber Board will reach out to the original organizers and recognize them on the stage.

President Cordes reported the Brookville Optimists have sold 165 flags for their Honoring the American Flag Project.

President Cordes requested the work session scheduled for April 14, 2020 be rescheduled.

President Cordes reported the Chamber Board has approached Park Board regarding the possibility of combining their Christmas Tree Lighting event with the Christmas in the Park event and holding it at Gruenig Park, where they would plant a live tree and decorate the Park with lights. President Cordes advised the Chamber Board suggested having two horse drawn carriages and reasoned since the Theatre is not performing and the City is in financial trouble, it would be a better idea to assist the Chamber with their event. The Chamber Board also suggested it would allow Park Board to enjoy the event with their families.

President Cordes replied the Theatre is still putting on the children's play, and asked Park Board for their thoughts on combining the two events.

Trustee Music stated they should first contact City Council regarding combining the events and to get permission to dig up the concrete at Gruenig Park to plant the tree.

Manager Keaton commented she does not believe there is electricity in Gruenig Park.

Trustee Haney advised there is no electric there since the Brookville National Bank sign was removed. Trustee Haney stated that Park Board has put so much into the Christmas in the Park event and have collected many decorations and lights over the past three years. The event has grown to be successful and now has quite a following. Trustee Haney stated she would favor keeping the events separate.

Trustee Music stated he brought the idea to the Chamber Board due to recent events and budget constraints. The entire Chamber Board was in favor of inviting the Park Board to combine.

Trustee Vance asked why the Chamber would want to combine the events, stating neither event requires much work or financial support from the City.

Trustee Music replied it was just an invitation, with the City's financial constraints in mind.

President Cordes stated it does not cost the City very much. Park Board expects to get some financial support from Walmart again, which pays for the horse and buggy. The school furnishes a bus and driver to take the kids to the theatre. Last year, 600 people attended the Christmas in the Park event, she does not foresee them wanting to go both places in one night.

Trustee Music stated he was not aware the Community Theatre was still putting on the play. He was under the impression all the plays had been cancelled for the year.

President Cordes stated the kids and adults really love the play, and the word has spread outside the community. President Cordes advised with the time and money Park Board has invested in the lights and the service groups that are invested in decorating the pavilions, she would personally hate to see the event dropped, especially when there is no financial issue.

Trustee Haney commented the park is so pretty when it is decorated with all the lights and the community really enjoys it. Trustee Haney said last year it was a bright spot after the community was hit by the tornado and this year it will be a bright spot following the pandemic. It is nice because people can drive through and enjoy the lights from the comfort and safety of their vehicle.

President Cordes commented it is also not a one-night stand, people can enjoy the lights throughout the Christmas season.

Trustee Haney stated Park Board has already committed to decorating the Leiber Center and people are looking forward to it for their Christmas gatherings.

President Cordes advised it would be wise for Park Board to make plans and be ready to go with their event, as it is much easier to say we cannot have it and cut it off than to get ready for it in one week.

Caretaker Shelly Music requested the service groups be instructed to come back once a week and check the lights, so that she and Dan do not have to keep re-stringing lights and repairing displays.

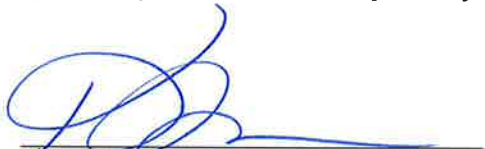
Trustee Vance stated keeping it separate give people one more thing to do. Trustee Vance asked if the Chamber was looking at planting a tree at Gruenig Park.

Trustee Music replied that was the idea, however he was not aware there was no electric there. The Historical Society was not in favor of the Chamber planting a tree at the Spitler House.

The consensus of Park Board is not to combine and keep the Christmas in the Park Event and the Tree Lighting as separate events.

President Cordes set a Christmas in the Park work session for August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the scheduled Park Board meeting.

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


Kimberly Duncan, Clerk
Bonnie Cordes, President

