

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on September 8, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney, Music and Vance; Council Liaison Fowler, Clerk Duncan and Manager Keaton were present.

Roll call by President Cordes.

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

Motion by Haney, second by Music to approve the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton thanked Barton Malow and the City staff, Board Members and volunteers who helped finish painting the Golden Gate Castle fence. It really looks nice.

Manager Keaton reported as a follow-up to the question raised at the July Park Board Meeting about making the area in front of Old Hickory a Park, it was determined that the entire area where the Message Center, picnic table and bench are located are all in the right-of-way, so it cannot be designated a Park.

Manager Keaton reported she submitted the Walmart Community Grant application online on August 26, 2020 and has not heard back to date. The application required a store selection. The Clayton Walmart and Sam's Club on Miller Lane were not available to select, so she chose the Walmart in Eaton. Manager Keaton stated the grant request must be reviewed by Walmart in Eaton and advised she will keep Park Board updated on the grant status.

Manager Keaton reported she reached out to Ro-Da-O Farm regarding our \$100 down payment for the horse and buggy for the 2020 Christmas in the Park event. They are allowing us to carry the down payment forward to next year.

Manager Keaton advised Brookville Schools will be hosting their Brookville Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 12 at Golden Gate Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Invitational should be completed by 1:00 p.m.

Manager Keaton reported Pee Wee Football will have three Saturday home games this year on September 26, October 10, and October 17. Games are held between 1:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Manager Keaton reported the Brookville Baseball Club will have a Fall League. Games will be played on Sundays from September 13 through October 18. Games will be held at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Manager Keaton advised the Service Department sprayed BBC's fields following the last Park Board Meeting.

Manager Keaton presented a request from Erika Seitz, with Whole Body Fitness. Erika currently holds senior fitness classes in the Christena Leiber Building at no charge, as the class is for senior citizens. Currently her class exercises outside as much as possible for social distancing. Erika is requesting use of the large side of the Christena Leiber Building to expand her exercise class for all ages above 13. Manager Keaton advised she expressed her concern to Erika that with winter soon approaching, she is not comfortable with them exercising in the large side of the Christena Leiber Building. With the COVID-19 pandemic, this will require more thorough cleaning. Manager Keaton also advised Erika that using this facility for a weekend day was off-limits, as our buildings are available for families or children's groups to rent on the weekends. Manager Keaton reported Erika offered to clean the facility themselves, which we cannot allow. Manager Keaton stated Erika requested Monday and Wednesday evenings, and currently Wednesday's are reserved for AA. Monday's are often used for various youth group organizations. Manager Keaton advised when asked, Erika stated they only charge for non-members of their facility as "The fee isn't to make money, but to have classes be an included feature in a membership." Erika indicated she would be willing to turn over any money collected. Manager Keaton stated Erika expects, "Anywhere from 4-10 people. This is not a lot, but too many for how small our room is in our facility and be able to space 6 ft. apart." Manager Keaton recommended Park Board table this until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. Our park facilities are there for families to enjoy birthday, anniversary, baby shower, graduation parties, wedding receptions, family reunions and meeting space. Manager Keaton stated she does not feel our buildings are the proper place to hold exercise classes and stated Park Board needs to decide if they want to allow this exercise class.

President Cordes agreed, stating it does not seem wise to move forward with allowing a small group and incur the cleaning that will need to be done following the class.

Trustee Music commented the Whole Body Fitness Building is large, but in order to follow the social distancing rules, the exercise equipment takes up the class area. This is the reason she requested to use the Leiber Center. Trustee Music stated he feels Park Board should not make an exception, as they would not do this for any other business.

Manager Keaton advised it would be a lot of extra work for our Caretakers due to the pandemic cleaning requirements.

President Cordes stated this request would also go against the policy that the Leiber Center is not to be used for business.

Trustee Haney and Trustee Vance agreed.

Motion by Music, second by Vance to deny the request by Erika Seitz, of Whole Body Fitness, to use the Leiber Center for an exercise class for ages 13 and up. All yeas, motion carried.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

Trustee Music reported the Brookville High School Cross Country Invitational is this Saturday. There is also a softball tournament Saturday afternoon. Trustee Music asked if the path through Hollywood has been mowed for the Invitational?

Manager Keaton replied it has been mowed and striped. There were concerns about standing water due to draining the water tower and recent rains, however, she checked the other day and it has drained and looks good.

Trustee Music inquired whether the Castle parking area can be widened? There was a rental in Shelter 4 this past weekend and the playground was full. People had to park in the grass.

President Cordes replied it would probably not be worth the investment as this situation probably only happens once a year.

Manager Keaton suggested we block off some parking for Shelter 4 when it is rented. Manager Keaton stated we could look at adding some parking in the future if we got a grant or could fund it with donations.

Trustee Music reported he recently checked out the gaga ball pits at Caesar's Creek and they look fairly simple. The bracket kits can be purchased online for \$580. The problem right now would be finding treated lumber as it is currently in short supply. The rough estimate to build the whole thing would be \$1,000. Trustee Music advised it would have to be placed far from water and the roadway due to the likelihood of kids having to chase a ball.

Trustee Vance suggested Ward Park or Westbrook Park for the gaga ball pit.

President Cordes stated we could put a gaga ball pit at the other two parks and Frisbee golf at Golden Gate Park. Each park would then have a new feature.

Manager Keaton suggested installing the frisbee golf at Golden Gate Park as it has more acreage.

Trustee Music commented it would be nice to have a business sponsor each frisbee golf hole.

President Cordes suggested we plan on it for now and ask for donations next year when business have had a chance to recover from the pandemic.

Manager Keaton stated we already have the cost estimate for the pickle ball court at Westbrook Park.

Trustee Vance stated she was surprised to learn that the cost for the pickle ball court is \$7,000 and asked what that entails?

Manager Keaton replied that is to rehab the court as well as paint the lines for pickle ball. The court will then be for both pickle ball and for tennis.

President Cordes reported she sent an email out last Thursday to those that participated in the Christmas in the Park event last year. She has received one response to date. President Cordes asked the Trustees to promote the event with local businesses if they have the opportunity.

Trustee Haney asked if BBC has submitted a logo design yet for the concession stand?

Manager Keaton replied they have not submitted anything yet.

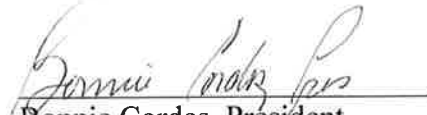
Trustee Vance asked Terry Baver from the Brookville Star to publish something in the Brookville Star regarding the Christmas in the Park event and ask if any businesses or even families would like to sponsor a festive, secular decoration.

Mr. Baver stated he is willing to do that if President Cordes will email him some information.

There was no New Business.

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


Kimberly Duncan, Clerk


Bonnie Cordes, President