

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney and Vance; Council Liaison Fowler, Clerk Duncan and Manager Keaton were present.

Roll call by President Cordes.

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

Motion by Haney, second by Vance to approve the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Council Liaison Fowler reported the Chamber of Commerce has been working with Manager Keaton regarding planting a live tree at Gruenig Park and would like Park Board's support for this project.

President Cordes replied Park Board is fine with that.

Manager Keaton advised she will provide Park Board with an arial view of where the Chamber would like to place the tree. There are several nuisance trees that will need to be removed first to make room for a Christmas tree.

Park Liaison Fowler reported Brookville Soccer is wrapping up a great season, stating most people complied with the mask requirements while attending.

Manager Keaton reported City Council recently accepted the resignation of Zachary Music from Park Board as he is no longer a resident of the City of Brookville, which is required by our Charter. Manager Keaton stated City Council authorized Clerk Duncan to advertise for the open position and encouraged anyone who may be interested to submit a letter of interest.

President Cordes indicated that Adam Blevins may be interested in the position but would not be able to start until after the first of the year.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department straightened the exterior concrete fence at Golden Gate Park that runs along East Upper Lewisburg Salem Road and provided Park Board with before and after pictures.

Manager Keaton reported the Brookville Chamber of Commerce had the stone archway at the entrance to Ward Park cleaned by A-1 Cleaning. Manager Keaton stated plaques on either side of the archway will be cleaned once they determine what they are made of and the proper way to clean them.

Manager Keaton advised a \$500 donation was received for Park Board to use toward any future costs associated with a play during the Christmas in the Park event.

Manager Keaton reported through September 30, 2020 Park Permits are down \$19,113 compared to this same time last year.

Manager Keaton reported the City has a 4.63 mill levy for Streets and Roads on the ballot that would generate \$500,000 annually for a five-year term. The levy will cost a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 an amount of \$162.05 annually. Manager Keaton reported we also have a 1.16 mill levy on the ballot for Parks and Recreation that would generate \$125,000 annually for a five-year term. The levy will cost a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 an amount of \$40.06 annually. Manager Keaton provided an overview of what those funds would be used for.

Manager Keaton reported the Walmart Community Grant is still pending. She has reached out to the Eaton Walmart Store Manager, who will contact the Regional Manager to check on the status of the grant. Manager Keaton reported she has a follow-up call scheduled with him next week.

Manager Keaton provided Park Board with a copy of Chapter 961 Parks of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brookville.

Manager Keaton thanked Park Board for the lovely flower arrangement for her daughter, Shawna's, viewing.

President Cordes expressed Park Board's deepest condolences to Manager Keaton on the loss of her daughter.

Trustee Vance asked if Park Board can promote the Park Levy on Facebook or with signs in their yards?

Manager Keaton advised she will check with Law Director Stephan regarding promoting the levy and will report back with guidelines on what Park Board members and Council can legally do. Manager Keaton stated signs in their yards are permitted.

Trustee Haney had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

President Cordes shared a copy of the email she sent out to service groups who participated in the past in the Christmas in the Park event. The email outlines the requirements for the event this year and how the groups can participate. President Cordes reported she is encouraged by the response. The Optimists, FFA, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Boy Scouts have all indicated they would like to participate. The Boy Scouts are planning an elaborate display that they are very excited about. President Cordes advised the owner of ARO Landscaping, has expressed an interest in participating as well. President Cordes reported she reached out to the school and none of the school groups are currently meeting so they are unable to participate. The Fire Department will

bring an apparatus and crew unless they are needed elsewhere on a call. President Cordes stated she has not contacted Police Chief Jerome yet, but the Police Department has always participated in the past.

Manager Keaton stated she will help with whatever is needed and stated the Service Department will be available as well.

President Cordes stated she would like to invite these groups to the next meeting to outline what they need to do and find out what they need from Park Board. President Cordes asked the Trustees to each make a brief list of supplies the groups may need, such as timers and extension cords. President Cordes stated Park Board will also need to advise the groups that their displays cannot have any religious connotations.

Manager Keaton stated there will only be eight seats open in the Council Chambers due to social distancing. Each group representative will also need to wear a mask.

President Cordes indicated that Park Board will decorate the Leiber Center.

Trustee Vance confirmed the Park Board workdays are still scheduled for November 20 and 21?

Manager Keaton confirmed that is correct, those dates were set at a prior meeting.

There was no Old Business.

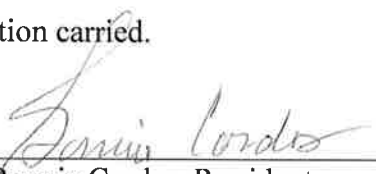
Trustee Haney stated Park Board should recognize Zach Music for his service on the Park Board.

President Cordes stated Zach Music was an asset to Park Board and said on behalf of Park Board she would like to recognize him for all the work he did as a Park Trustee. President Cordes wished Zach well in his future endeavors.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Bonnie Cordes, President

