

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on January 21, 2021 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. Trustee Blevins was absent.

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 December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Vance, second by Haney to appoint Trustee Haney as Park Board President for 2021. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Vance, second by Haney to appoint Trustee Cordes as Park Board Vice President for 2021. All yeas, motion carried.

Council Liaison Fowler reported the Brookville Soccer Association will hold their registration beginning February 1 through the end of the month. Practice will begin in mid-March. Games will be scheduled from April and run through May, finishing before the baseball season begins. A sign promoting registration will be placed near the bike path.

Manager Keaton presented a report showing revenues and expenditures for the Christmas in the Park event, which shows the event netted \$32.00 after all expenditures. Manager Keaton advised the drive-thru event was a huge success and encouraged Park Board to keep it a drive-thru event in the future.

Trustee Cordes suggested a lock cap for the outlets near the basketball courts so the lights cannot be unplugged by teens wanting to charge their phones while they play ball.

Manager Keaton stated we could put in a coin operated charging station.

Manager Keaton reported Ron Chandler has agreed to run the 2021 Adult Softball program if we are able to have it and comply with COVID restrictions. Last year we were unable to run our spring or summer softball program.

Manager Keaton reported we receipted \$20,268.50 in Park Permits, which was down \$23,715.00 from 2019. Manager Keaton reported reservations are picking up with graduations approaching. Refunds due to cancellations have run their course.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department has removed some concrete squares in Gruenig Park in preparation for the Chamber of Commerce's permanent Christmas tree. They also removed 19 dead trees at Golden Gate and Gateway Parks. This has been an ongoing process for years with the damage from the emerald ash borer. There are still a few more trees that need to be removed at Gruenig Park.

Manager Keaton reported we received approval for the Community Development Block Grant Project, which is the walking path from the theatre to the main drive entrance. There were extra funds leftover from a prior year, so all projects were awarded. Manager Keaton advised she will provide Trustees a copy of the project, which includes a rendering of where the path will be installed.

Council Liaison Fowler inquired if the grant will fund 100% of the project?

Manager Keaton replied the grant will cover 70 or 80% of the project.

Manager Keaton provided the 2021 Park Budget which shows projected revenue and expenditures. Manager Keaton reported the budget is slim city-wide.

Manager Keaton reported Council adopted a Resolution to direct the County Auditor to certify the dollar amount that would be generated by an additional property tax levy at the annual rate of .96 mills for a period of five-years to be placed on the tax list for tax year 2021, collectable in calendar year 2022 for parks and recreational purposes in the City of Brookville. Manager Keaton stated once we receive certification from the County Auditor, this Resolution, along with a Resolution for a street levy will go before Council to place the levies on the May 4, 2021 Primary ballot. Manager Keaton gave a copy of her recent Council presentation regarding the levies to Park Board so they can be informed and are able to answer questions from the general public.

Manager Keaton reported in February, we will be sending our letters and agreements out to the various organization that use our park. We will ask each of them to attend a March or April meeting regarding their plans for the 2021 season.

Manager Keaton inquired whether Park Board would like to schedule a Community Park Clean-up date?

Discussion followed. The consensus was to schedule the Community Park Clean-up on March 27, 2021.

President Haney commented there were some stones knocked out at the Golden Gate Park entrance.

Manager Keaton replied that damage has already been repaired. A NO TRUCK sign is in place but it may have to be moved closer to the road.

President Haney commented the Christmas in the Park drive-thru event flowed well and suggested next year they form a committee with each Park Board Trustee responsible for a designated area

of the park. President Haney stated she would like to get another grant or more donations to make it bigger and better than last year.

Trustee Vance suggested reaching out to the couple who handles the Whispering Christmas drive-thru light show in Eaton to see if they could provide any input we could use for our event.

President Haney suggested contacting the Village of Lewisburg as their light display is more on our scale.

Trustee Vance brought up moving ahead with the gaga ball courts if we could get donations to fund it.

Manager Keaton replied there is no extra money in the budget, but the Service Department could construct the gaga ball courts if they could be purchased with donations.

Trustee Cordes commented she never ceases to be amazed at Brookville citizens and groups who helped with the Christmas in the Park event. The groups were excited knowing they were providing entertainment for people who had been stuck inside their homes due to the quarantine. If each Board Member could take on three groups to manage, it would make life a whole lot easier for everyone. Trustee Cordes also reported the BMX shed needs cleaned and the Christmas decorations inventoried so they do not purchase something they may already have.

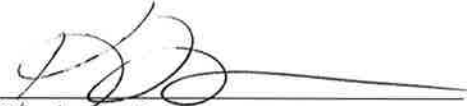
Manager Keaton commented she could go through the purchase receipts and write down what was purchased this year.

Manager Keaton stated she could have the Service Department repair the BMX storage shed roof.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Trustees discussed the need for a February meeting. The consensus was to wait until the week prior and cancel if there is nothing for an Agenda.

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


Kimberly Duncan, Clerk


Carolyn Haney, President

