

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Haney at 7:30 p.m. on March 9, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Blevins and Vance; Council Liaison Fowler and Manager Keaton were present. Clerk Duncan was absent.

Roll call by President Haney.

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

Motion by Blevins, second by Cordes to approve the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Corey Robinson, of Cub Pack 47, inquired about the type of Christmas Tree they can plant at Golden Gate Park?

Manager Keaton replied a white pine is the only option.

Corey Robinson reported the Cub Pack will be present to help with the Annual Park Clean-up Day. Mr. Robinson also thanked Park Trustees for allowing them to use a shelter for their meetings as it has allowed them to spread out and follow social distancing rules.

President Haney thanked Mr. Robinson for their wonderful display at the Christmas in the Park event and commented Park Board is looking forward to working with them again next year.

Council Liaison Fowler stated the Chamber of Commerce would like to make a donation to the Eagle Scout who is installing a gazebo at Golden Gate Park as his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Robinson advised the Chamber should donate money directly to the Scout completing the project.

President Haney advised she has been in contact with this Eagle Scout, and he is planning to present his plans formally to Park Board at an upcoming meeting.

Council Liaison Fowler stated the Chamber of Commerce is also looking at putting in a 9-hole disc golf course at Golden Gate Park and is looking at different types of sponsorships. Council Liaison Fowler asked if Trustee Blevins had any comments?

Trustee Blevins stated the Chamber would like Park Board approval before they contact any businesses for sponsorships.

Council Liaison Fowler stated the Chamber would like Park Board approval to put sponsorship recognition at each hole.

Motion by Cordes, second by Vance to approve the installation of a 9-hole disc golf course at Golden Gate Park and to allow the Chamber of Commerce to solicit sponsorships to fund the installation. Cordes yea, Vance yea, Blevins abstained, Haney yea. Motion carried with three yeas and one abstention.

Don Cordes stated he is no longer on the Brookville Community Theatre (BCT) Board but would like to serve as the liaison between the BCT and the Park Board for the children's Christmas play at the 2021 Christmas in the Park Event. Mr. Cordes stated he will make a donation to the Park Board and any costs incurred will be covered.

Discussion followed regarding when to hold the play and the number of performances. The consensus is to wait until closer to the event to make a decision. The BCT Board will need to meet regarding any COVID restrictions that may still be in place.

Mr. Cordes thanked Park Board for all the hours and hard work they put in.

Manager Keaton announced Park Caretakers Dan and Shelly Music have resigned effective May 1, 2021. Manager Keaton reported she has listed the position and received two inquiries to date.

Manager Keaton reported she has signed a contract with Ron Chandler to run the Adult Softball Program. Spring leagues begin at the end of April.

Manager Keaton reported park shelter rentals are really picking up. Permits are down \$1607.50 through the end of February compared to this time last year, which was pre-COVID. Manager Keaton reported we have written just shy of \$1,400 in park permits since the first of March.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department recently removed two large trees from Gruenig Park. They also removed the guardrail, which we will replace with wrought iron fencing or something similar when funds allow.

Manager Keaton reported the engineers are preparing bid packets for the walking path at Golden Gate Park. Manager Keaton stated she would like to get the project completed by the end of June.

Manager Keaton stated the City is putting a .96 mils Park Levy on the May ballot. The Issue number will be the same as the last time it was on the ballot. This means if you have yard signs from last November you can reuse them. Manager Keaton stated we have extra signs if anyone wants to display them to support the levy. Signs can be displayed for 30 days beginning April 5 and cannot be placed in the right-of-way.

Manager Keaton reported Park Board has scheduled the Annual Park Cleanup Day for Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Trash bags, rakes and gloves will be available at Shelter #4. This info has been posted on our Facebook and website pages. Due to COVID, lunch will be provided in individual take home lunch bags.

Manager Keaton advised in response to a previous inquiry, the Service Department removed some dead trees in the park area behind the Waffle House.

Manager Keaton asked Park Board to sign a thank you card for Thrush and Son, who donated labor and materials to re-roof the old BMX building.

Manager Keaton reported we received an annual \$100 donation from AA for the use of the Leiber Center for their weekly meetings.

Manager Keaton provided more information on the levy and what it will cost the average homeowner. Manager Keaton advised she will forward more information as she receives it.

Trustee Blevins asked when the last increase was for shelter rentals?

Manager Keaton replied we try to review them every few years. The last increase was in 2019.

Trustee Vance asked if the walkway would be extended to the Grove?

Manager Keaton replied she is working on this with one of the engineers at Barge. Manager Keaton stated we will have to see how the bids come out to see if this can be included as an alternate.

Trustee Blevins thanked Park Board on behalf of the Chamber for working with them on the disc golf course and for taking the trees down at Gruenig Park.

Trustee Cordes advised they discovered kids were turning off the Christmas lights at the park every night and the Service Department was kind enough to turn them back on every morning. Trustee Cordes stated maybe next year we could put some kind of cover on them to prevent this.

Trustee Vance stated the park clean-up event would be a good opportunity for students who need to perform community service.

Manager Keaton stated she contacted Brookville High School and they have made the students aware.

Trustee Haney suggested December 3, 2021 for the Christmas in the Park Event. This would allow the display to be up for 4 full weeks.

Motion by Cordes, second by Blevins to hold the Christmas in the Park Event on December 3, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. All yeas, motion carried.

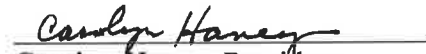
There was no Old Business.

Trustee Vance asked if the Optimist Club is hosting the Easter Egg Hunt.

Trustee Cordes replied the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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


Kimberly Duncan, Clerk


Carolyn Haney, President