

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Haney at 7:30 p.m. on May 11, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Blevins, Cordes and Vance; Clerk Duncan and Manager Keaton were present. Council Liaison Fowler was absent.

Roll call by President Haney.

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

Motion by Vance, second by Cordes to approve the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Keaton reported Ann Stammen, from Brookville Baseball Club (BBC), is on the Agenda but may be running a little late. Manager Keaton reported she has received all the required paperwork from BBC, which includes the signed BBC agreement, 2021 schedule and Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Manager Keaton introduced Pamela Miller as the new Golden Gate Park Caretaker. Manager Keaton reported three applicants were reviewed for the Park Caretaker position. Manager Keaton advised she signed the Agreement as the authorized representative and requested Park Board formally accept Pamela Miller as the Caretaker for Golden Gate Park effective May 10, 2021.

Ms. Miller stated she is thrilled, excited and honored to accept this position and to be a part of Golden Gate Park. Ms. Miller stated she moved in over the weekend. The park was very busy with BBC Opening Day and Mother's Day, so she did not get everything moved in, but the rest will come in time.

Manager Keaton stated she would like to thank Dan & Shelly Music for the years they served as the Caretakers at Golden Gate Park. Manager Keaton stated they did a wonderful job and wished them well.

Manager Keaton reported we are currently advertising for bids for our CDBG Golden Gate Park Walking Path Project. We will open bids for this project on May 25 and the bid should be awarded at the June 1 Council Meeting. The winning bidder will have 30 days to complete the project, with a final completion date of July 16, 2021. Manager Keaton stated she wants the project completed before the Community Picnic. Manager Keaton provided a map of the project for Park Board review. The path has been extended to the Grove and also to connect to the drive at Shelter #3.

Trustee Vance asked if the project was completely paid for with grant funds?

Manager Keaton replied the CDBG grant was for 70%, with the City paying 30% of the project. The Engineer's estimate is approximately \$92,000 - \$93,000 and engineering costs were approximately \$20,000.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up \$8,577.50 through April 30, compared to this same time last year.

Manager Keaton reported the Adult Softball Program began on April 27. Games are currently scheduled on Sunday afternoons and evenings, and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Manager Keaton reported Anita Stollings is operating the concession stand for the Softball Program. Manager Keaton stated it would be wonderful if the rain would hold off so they can get some games in.

Manager Keaton advised a thank you letter was received from the Brookville Optimist Club thanking Park Board for allowing them to hold their annual Youth Easter Egg Hunt.

Manager Keaton reported both the Park and the Street levies failed at the May 4 Primary Election. Manager Keaton thanked everyone for their efforts to promote the levies. Manager Keaton advised Council will discuss future options.

Manager Keaton reported the City received a \$9,466.50 donation from the Dayton Foundation for electrical upgrades at Golden Gate Park. President Haney will provide additional information in her report.

President Haney thanked Manager Keaton for all of her work to promote the levies.

Ann Stammen, of BBC, arrived at the meeting. Ms. Stammen reported BBC held a capital drive to buy a new gator and had a wonderful outpouring of support from the community, paying for 73% of the gator. They also had more community sponsors this year than they had teams. Ms. Stammen reported BBC is still planning to paint the concession stand but will not be ready to paint until the fall.

Manager Keaton inquired whether BBC is hosting tournaments this year?

Ms. Stammen replied BBC will host a tournament after their season ends in mid-June. They should be done by the Fourth of July, weather permitting.

Ms. Stammen reported BBC will be participating in the Community Picnic and are also in charge of the 5k race.

Ms. Stammen reported they lost some kids to travel baseball, but overall, their numbers are really good. Ms. Stammen reported they have a good Board of Directors and she is excited about this season.

Trustee Blevins reported the Chamber of Commerce is moving forward with the Community Picnic this year on July 22, 23, and 24. There will be no rides this year. Many ride companies

have shut down or gone dormant due to the pandemic and there are just too many restrictions by those that are operating to make it feasible. Trustee Blevins stated they are planning a fantastic picnic regardless. They plan to work with the school to have more games, as well as community events and fundraisers. Booth registrations and vendors are filling up quickly.

Trustee Cordes thanked everyone on behalf of the Optimist Club for another great Easter Egg Hunt with a good turnout.

Trustee Vance inquired about the Day for the Dogs in the park.

President Haney replied she attended and it was a nice event.

Trustee Vance suggested allowing the Brookville High School Band to hold a summer concert in the park as they did not get a chance to play much last year due to the pandemic.

Trustee Blevins advised the BHS band is playing at the Community Picnic. Trustee Blevins stated it would be amazing to plan an event like this, but hard to work around the band camp and vacation schedules of the kids.

Trustee Vance suggested they play prior to the Community Theatre performance of the Sound of Music.

Trustee Cordes commented they have more people who want to attend than they have tickets, because they have to honor tickets from last year as well. They may have to add performances to honor all of the tickets.

Manager Keaton suggested the band could perform when the Booster Club has the pre-season football picnic at Golden Gate Park.

President Haney reported the gaga pit Eagle Scout project was approved by the Boy Scout Council. Life Scout Christian Seitz is ready to begin his fundraising. Scott Steck has offered to donate sand for the project. President Haney encouraged anyone who would like to donate to the project to contact Life Scout Seitz.

President Haney thanked everyone who hung doorhangers to promote the levies.

President Haney reported the electrical upgrade work has begun at Golden Gate Park. President Haney stated she is grateful to have the participation of the Strausburg Endowment Fund who funded this project.

President Haney reported the Day for the Dogs was a nice event. Most of the dogs were rescue dogs and all were on leashes. Clean-up bags were donated for the event and everything was cleaned up afterward. There was a taco truck scheduled to come out but they did not show.

President Haney inquired about setting some rules regarding food trucks for one-time events as discussed at a previous meeting.

Manager Keaton advised she is getting some information together for Park Board to review. Manager Keaton stated one thing she would stress is not parking on the grass. This is becoming a problem as people do not want to walk far to see their kids play ball.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Carolyn Haney, President