

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Haney at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Blevins, Cordes and Vance; Council Liaison Fowler, Clerk Duncan and Manager Keaton were present.

Roll call by President Haney.

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

Motion by Cordes, second by Blevins to approve the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Christian Seitz, Life Scout from Troop 47, gave a presentation regarding building a Gaga ball pit at Golden Gate Park as his service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The Gaga ball pit would be a 20 x 20 octagon, constructed of treated lumber and Brookville blue metal brackets. Life Scout Seitz stated he plans to solicit donations from local businesses to fund his project. He will also sell beef jerky sticks, if necessary, to raise the \$1,200 needed to construct the Gaga ball pit. Life Scout Seitz stated he plans to construct the pit in June.

Trustee Vance inquired whether the Gaga ball pit will be moveable?

Life Scout Seitz replied it could be moved if necessary, but it is meant to be stationary year-round. It will be constructed of treated lumber so it can withstand the elements.

Trustee Blevins advised the Chamber of Commerce is willing to provide guidance and support and assist Life Scout Seitz in reaching out to local businesses.

Motion by Cordes, second by Vance to approve the Gaga ball pit project in Golden Gate Park proposed by Life Scout Seitz. All yeas, motion carried.

Park Trustees discussed a location for the Gaga ball pit. The consensus is to place it between the Castle playground and Shelter 4.

City Manager Keaton stated Life Scout Seitz can coordinate the project with Service Superintendent Chris Homan, who will make sure any utilities are marked.

Motion by Blevins, second by Vance to designate the area between the Castle playground and Shelter 4 as the designated location for the Gaga ball Pit project. All yeas, motion carried.

City Manager Keaton thanked Park Board and the 125-150 volunteers that showed up for the Annual Park Cleanup Day. Manager Keaton stated we could not have done it without them.

Manager Keaton advised she has received two letters of interest for the Caretaker position at Golden Gate Park. Manager Keaton stated she will schedule a Special Meeting soon so the Park Trustees can participate in the interview process. Our current Caretakers will be moving out on May 11, 2021.

Manager Keaton reported Park Permits are up \$3,745 as of March 31. We have received \$1,480 in reservations from April 1 through April 9.

Manager Keaton thanked citizen Don Cordes for the \$1,000 donation to be used toward the Christmas play during the Christmas in the Park event.

Manager Keaton reported the Service Department removed several trees in Golden Gate Park and will grind the stumps this month. The Service Department will have the park fertilized by the end of the week.

Manager Keaton announced Golden Gate Park will be closed on Friday, April 16 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. so the Service Department can apply fertilizer, power wash and level out the mulch in the area near the swings at the Castle Playground.

Manager Keaton reported the BBC play equipment was recently vandalized. Fortunately, the Service Department was able to remove the graffiti. The Pee Wee Football building was also vandalized.

Manager Keaton reminded everyone there is a .96 mill Park Levy and a 3.85 mill proposed Street Levy on the upcoming May 4 ballot. Manager Keaton stated she has posters and yard signs for anyone who is interested. A committee has been formed and volunteers are needed to distribute door hangers about town to educate the public about the proposed levies. Manager Keaton encouraged anyone who has questions regarding the levy to contact her by phone or email.

Manager Keaton reported we received a request to use a food truck to cater a gathering at Golden Gate Park on May 28, 2021. The applicant has since decided to rent the Hamburger Wagon from Miamisburg, Ohio. Manager Keaton stated the City does have mobile food vendor regulations within our zoning code, but we have not addressed the use of them in the parks. Manager Keaton advised this is a topic that needs to be considered and some rules adopted that we could include with our Park Permits. Manager Keaton requested Park Board consider allowing food trucks for one-time events and discuss it at a future meeting.

Manager Keaton reported she has received two calls this spring regarding replacing the basketball goals at Ward Park. Manager Keaton advised she inspected the court, and one post needs to be replaced. Manager Keaton stated we would need funding to replace this equipment as the cost for the new basketball post would be \$1,900. Manager Keaton stated she told the caller we would accept donations toward the project, and he indicated he would reach out to others.

Trustee Blevins had no report.

Trustee Cordes had no report.

Trustee Vance had no report.

President Haney thanked Manager Keaton and everyone else who participated in the Park Cleanup, stating it was a great success.

President Haney presented a schedule for a Day for the Dogs event proposed by Nick Wright, of Brookville FFA. The event would be held on April 25, 2021.

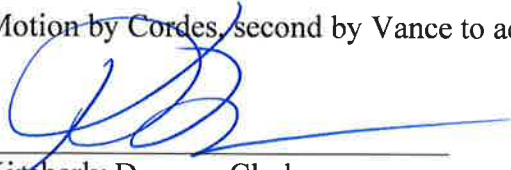
Trustee Cordes advised she trained and showed dogs for 20 years and Park Board should set some guidelines. Trustee Cordes stated the dogs should be kept on a leash at all times, unless they are on the obstacle course. There should be a designated exercise area for the dogs to use the bathroom, with plastic bags and trash receptacles for owners to clean up after their dogs. Trustee Cordes volunteered to be present during the event to make sure the exercise area is used and to help enforce the leash rule so that no one gets hurt.

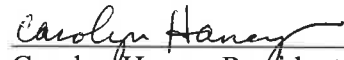
Motion by Blevins, second by Vance to approve the Day for the Dogs event at Golden Gate Park on April 25, 2021. All yeas, motion carried.

President Haney reported an anonymous donation has been received for electrical upgrades at Golden Gate Park. Outside outlets will be added at the Leiber Center, Shelter #3 and in the area that was decorated by the Boy Scout this past year to be used for the Christmas in the Park event.

Motion by Blevins, second by Cordes to accept the donation and move forward with the electrical project as proposed. All yeas, motion carried.

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



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk

Carolyn Haney, President

