

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Monnin at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 2018 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Cordes, Haney and Vance; Finance Director Keaton Service Superintendent Homan, Council Liaison Schreier and Clerk Wheeler were present. Manager Burkholder was absent.

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 February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Roger Hoover, of the Brookville Optimist Club, presented a check to Park Board as a result of splitting the total of the 50/50 drawing of the Adult Egg Scramble. He thanked Park Board for the use of Golden Gate Park for the event. He stated it was a great time by all and there were no injuries. He informed President Monnin represented the Park Board by helping out with the 50/50 drawing after the Egg Scramble. He informed the turnout was down this year compared to previous years that had sold out. He informed this year though, there were a lot of other events going on at the same time. He reported they still made out well by raising approximately \$1,500 dollars.

Mr. Hoover reminded the Children's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 31, 2018 at Golden Gate Park. He stated he and the Optimist Club really appreciate Park Board's cooperation with their events.

Mr. Hoover stated the check donated tonight should be almost enough to cover the work needed on the planter at the entrance of Golden Gate Park. He stated what tonight's check doesn't cover, the Optimist Club will then cover the rest of the total for the planter under the sign.

Park Board Members thanked Mr. Hoover and the Optimist Club.

Service Superintendent Homan reported he has reached out to Miami Valley CTC on possible summer help and they do have some students interested in submitting applications for summer help.

Service Superintendent Homan informed he would like to implement a tree list. He stated this would help with an aesthetic approach to strategically placing trees and spreading different types

of trees throughout all of the parks. He stated the most popular place to want a tree planted is near the pond at Golden Gate Park, but we really need to spread the trees out. He informed there are five dead trees to be removed soon at Ward Park. He informed he is obtaining estimates on stump grinding and trying to get the grinding of stumps caught up because it looks like years and years of accumulation of tree stumps. He stated he would also like to remove more dead ash trees at Golden Gate Park.

Service Superintendent Homan informed the Service Department have been working a lot so far this year on infrastructure projects including a manhole on March Avenue; replacement of two fire hydrants this week and two more to do next week; a lot of weed and debris cleanup along the Service Department entrance. He informed the shed building at the old BMX Park needs a new roof and he is currently obtaining estimates for a metal roof.

Service Superintendent Homan reported he is still awaiting estimates on the Community Theatre. He informed he followed up again today and is hoping to have them by mid to late next week. He informed age and deterioration are the reasons believed to be causing the leaking at the Theatre. He described the material that was used 25 years ago, just isn't as strong as what would be used today and the needed repairs to the roof should last about 35 years. He stated he would like to move on the project quickly, once estimates are received. He informed the roof needs to be done first then the treatment of the brick on the exterior of the building.

Trustee Cordes asked if the timing of the trees being taken down at Ward Park is being coordinated with the basketball court being done at Ward Park?

Service Superintendent Homan informed he hopes to have the trees at Ward Park down within the next week, he would like to have the trees down before mowing starts for the season.

President Monnin asked about renting a stump grinder and doing the stumps ourselves?

Service Superintendent Homan informed the quote received was very good and he doesn't think the City could rent a stump grinder and pay personnel to remove the stumps any cheaper than what the quote was for.

Finance Director Keaton provided the Revenue Report for February. She informed Park Permits were down \$583.

Finance Director provided Members with a copy of the proposed plan for new walking path from the Community Theatre to Golden Gate Park. She informed the City will be working with an engineer on the proper drainage needed for the project. She informed the City applied for and was awarded a Montgomery County Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) for this project.

President Monnin asked if the money can be used for anything else?

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Finance Director Keaton informed no. She informed all grant money must be used for the specific project applied for and she has to provide the CDBG with all receipts and invoices for the project, once the project is completed.

Finance Director Keaton reminded the Annual Park Clean up day is April 14, 2018 at Golden Gate Park at 10:00 a.m.

Trustee Vance had no report.

Trustee Cordes had no report.

Trustee Haney reported she and Trustee Cordes met with the Builders Club last week and took donuts. She stated they are a great group of kids and they invited them to the upcoming Park Clean Up day. She informed the Builders Club is hoping Park Board does another Christmas in the Park Event because they would like to be involved again. She informed the students showed great interest in our parks and she was very impressed with the students.

Trustee Cordes informed she has been working on a logo for Park Board. She informed it will include the names of all seven of the parks and she thought maybe Park Board could use it in the future for letters and correspondence. She asked if Park Board is in favor of her moving forward with the design of a logo?

Finance Director Keaton advised the logo would need to come into the City Office for approval. She explained with Park Board being associated with the City, anything that goes out has to be signed off by the City Manager

Park Board Members all agreed a Park Board logo is a great idea and they should move forward with the idea.

Trustee Cordes with as much as they are trying to do would like an image for people to see and associate with Park Board.

President Monnin informed he is meeting with Kiwanis this week and they will probably be interested in cleaning up the old Hollywood area as their main objective.

Trustee Vance informed Ann Drake, the 7th grade teacher who recently won a grant would like to tag a long when Park Board goes to look at the old Hollywood area because she could possibly incorporate some of the project into her grant funds.

President Monnin stated there is a severe problem at Westbrook Park. He informed he met with Montgomery County Soil and Water yesterday. He described there is still standing water from the last rain. He stated residents have been upset about this area for several years and Soil and

Water stated the area should have been done differently when it was originally created. He informed he has spoken with some people in Oregon who experience rain all the time. He provided a handout on Rain Gardens to other Park Board Members. He suggested rain gardens for the area and stated they would not be that hard to put in. He informed he thinks 5-6 rain gardens could possibly help the situation near Westbrook Park. He suggested neighbors in the area could then adopt a rain garden to help with the upkeep and even plant some flowers. He stated the flooding issue has been happening for too many years and something needs to be done.

Trustee Cordes stated people have put up with this issue for a long time and something does need to be done. She stated the rain gardens do not sound like they would cost a lot of money.

President Monnin suggested the Service Department could do the work of installing the rain gardens.

Service Department Superintendent Homan asked if President Monnin has any data on how much one of these rain gardens can absorb or how many gallons of water one could handle? He stated the rain gardens are basically a mound system leech bed. He stated these would allow for quicker evaporation but during a heavy rain fall, it's not going to make a big difference because they aren't going to hold any more water than the detention pond already there. He stated he thinks the rain gardens will not help in the events of heavy rainfall and the rain will just wash away the mulch that would be put in.

Discussion on water and existing pipes.

Service Department Superintendent Homan stated the pond itself was not engineered or well designed and Montgomery County Soil and Water has recommended they come out this spring to evaluate further and to try to give some recommendations.

Service Superintendent Homan stated we need to discuss the idea of rain gardens with Soil and Water. He stated he will do some research, he has meeting coming up again soon with Soil and Water. He informed all of the people he has talked to have said the area has always had these issues but a solution has never been determined.

President Monnin stated he is looking at approximate cost and the timeframe. He stated it could take a while for new pipes to be put in when the rain gardens could be done much quicker.

Service Superintendent Homan informed a survey by Soil and Water will be done in next few months which, will then help Soil and Water make an official recommendation. He informed the City has contracted with Soil and Water and they are the experts.

President Monnin asked why can't we just try one?

Service Superintendent Homan stated he will have to discuss with Soil and Water.

President Monnin stated we should try it to see if it works.

Finance Director Keaton asked if President Monnin has a copy of the report he received? If so, he should send a copy to Service Superintendent Homan to discuss with Soil and Water.

Trustee Cordes asked if we could do a combination of adding new pipe to Westbrook and rain garden in an effort to correct the issues?

Service Superintendent Homan stated he is open to options but he knows the flow of that pond and is afraid it will wash out everything that is planted.

President Monnin stated Soil and Water agreed the area is a mess and thought the Rain Gardens might be a start because something has to be done. He stated it is frustrating for homeowners who have property always getting flooded.

Service Superintendent Homan agreed it is very frustrating.

Trustee Cordes suggested staying in contact with some of the residents in that area so they know discussions are going on and this is being taken seriously and the City is looking for solutions.

Trustee Cordes asked Service Superintendent Homan to keep them posted.

Service Superintendent Homan stated he would like take the time to do this right, to do the math and figure out the best solution and not just guess.


There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk



Dave Monnin, President

