

MH Parks Commission Meeting of Nov. 16th, 2021

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:01 PM by Chairman Janke

Roll Call:

Present:

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

Absent:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Minoff

Also Present: Mr. Misterka

Agenda:

Approval of Minutes from Parks Commission Meeting held on Oct. 18th, 2021:

Any Amendments: None

Votes for Adoption of the motion:

Moved by: Mr. Janke

Seconded by: Mr. Stanard

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Mayor Fritz

Not Voting:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Minoff

Updates from Mayor Fritz:

Mayor Fritz informed the commission that the only remaining items for completion of the pavilion are installation of the grill, rest room, and landscaping. He thanked the service dept. for all of their efforts on this project.

The Mayor shared that he attended a coyote webinar, which included facts about coyotes and tips for keeping pets safe. He recommended a book titled Coyote America.

The village has replaced the entry signs and offered the old signs to be used in a raffle to raise money for the village parks.

Mayor Fritz commented that MH resident and Vietnam Veteran, Ron Janke, spoke @ the Veterans Day event held at Veterans Park.

The Mayor attended the Garfield wreath laying ceremony at Lake View Cemetery and noted what a great event it was.

Christmas Tree ball plantings can be donated to the village to be planed at Village Park.

Head for the Hills 2022:

Motion to Contract with Hermes for Oct. 8th, 2022

Moved by: Mr. Friedman

Seconded by: Mr. Olsson

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mrs. Freundlich

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Friedman suggested that the commission start planning the event as soon as possible.

Mrs. Wyatt stated that it would be good to conduct a survey for 2021 participants to comment on how the event can be improved.

Chairman Janke will deliver the contract to Bill Hanna and Mayor Fritz for review, modifications if needed, and approval.

Future Improvements/Program Ideas

Mrs. Freundlich suggested that a natural play area could be added for children to use.

Mayor Fritz added that certain residents are hesitant to change certain areas in the park. He also commented that Councilman Emerman and Councilwoman Kozminski-VanderHart have expressed interest in future improvements to the parks.

Mr. Friedman commented that a concert series would be an idea for months with good weather.

Mrs. Freundlich stated that it would be a good idea to engage the community for specific interests for programming topics.

Chairman Janke added that a night hike would be another option for events.

Mayor Fritz informed the commission that the village administration is working on drafting rules and regulations for the use of the pavilion. They will be run past council first, and then presented to the parks commission for review and comment.

Mr. Olsson asked if use of the pavilion can be limited only to MH residents.

Mayor Fritz responded that this is not an option due to language in the grants that the village has received.

Mrs. Freundlich commented that an event for dogs could be an option for future events.

Mr. Friedman suggested investing in marketing and communications, including the possibility of a website.

Mayor Fritz confirmed that a tab could be added to the village website dedicated to the village parks.

Mr. Olsson presented an idea to create an annual membership to support the village parks.

Mr. Stanard said that the MHHS already has an improvement plan for the Birth Site Park and Chairman Janke added that the Parks Commission could find ways to support that plan.

Mayor Fritz added that a tri-fold display could be added to village park which could be used for posting info., events, and regulations.

Forest Ridge/Village Park Improvement Presentation

Mr. DeWater and Mr. Misterka presented a slideshow detailing the improvements made to the parks by the service dept. The work completed by the service dept. is a part of the in-kind match required by the village for the grant for the pavilion. The notes from the presentation and slide show are included along with these minutes for future reference and to place them on record.

Open Discussion:

Mayor Fritz asked the commission to consider potential improvements for the trail head behind the pavilion.

Mr. Friedman suggested adding a map at the trail head.

Mr. DeWater added that the park will need trash/recycling cans. They should be portable.

Chairman Janke commented that he has received nothing but positive comments concerning the improvements to Village Park from the residents of the the village.

Due to MLK Jr. Day being the same day as the next scheduled meeting, Chairman Janke is going to move the next meeting to Jan. 18th.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:27 pm:

Moved by: Mrs. Wyatt

Seconded by: Mr. Olsson

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mrs. Freundlich

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Minoff