

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024
Moreland Hills Community Room

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Wyatt.

Members Present:

Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mayor Spencer
Ms. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mr. Spaulding
Ms. Utech
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Mr. Frederick
Mr. Janke
Mrs. Geck

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of November 20, 2023

Motion to approve: Ms. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mrs. Sitzwohl

Abstain: Mayor Spencer, Ms. Hardin-Levine, Mr. Misterka, Mr. Spaulding, and Ms. Utech

Yes: All members in attendance

Elect Parks Commission Chair for 2024:

The Commission members re-elected Mrs Wyatt for another term as Chair.

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

The Hermes contract for the Head for Hills event in 2024 has been signed.

There have been changes for reserving the use of Village properties. Reservations for the Lang Pavilion open at the first of the year for M.H. residents and on April 1st for non-residents.

The cost for using the Community Room is \$100 for one event and \$75 per event for multiple events.

The installation of the stairs going up to the Garfield Birth Site has been approved by Village Council, and bids for construction are going out.

Work has begun to level the bricks on the path to the Cabin.

Updates from Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Wyatt reported for Mrs. Geck

Mrs. Geck attended the Garfield Trail Board Meeting

The book signing with Mr. Goodyear is scheduled for June 1, 2024. They are expecting 25-30 attendees. The author will speak from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. There will be music from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

M.H.H.S. is sponsoring a Day Camp for an Archaeological Dig at the Garfield Birth Site. It is scheduled for the week of July 8th.

Open Discussion:

The current balance of Parks Commission funds is \$17,770.42.

Mrs. Freundlich and Mrs. Wyatt will draft an article about the Parks Commission to be published in the Village Newsletter.

Ms. Utech will develop a story about the Parks Commission for social media.

The commemorative bench idea is on hold. One thought is for the Village to purchase the benches and offer residents the opportunity to purchase a commemorative plaque.

The idea of creating a 501 3C was discussed. Ms. Hardin-Levine indicated that it requires a lot of paperwork and is subject to formal oversight.

Additional ideas for funding:

- Contribute funds toward the extension of the Cleveland City water line on Chagrin River Road, which would provide the opportunity for water service to Lang Pavilion.
- Placing flowers at major intersections in the Village
- Purchasing aggregate for improving the trails on Forest Ridge
- Bridge repair on the Forest Ridge Trails
- Installation of Holiday decorations

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Ms. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mrs. Freundlich

Yes: All members