

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 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
Mr. Friedman
Mr. Frederick
Mr. Janke
Mayor Spencer
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mr. Spaulding
Ms. Utech
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Ms. Hardin-Levine
Mrs. Geck
Mrs. Freundlich

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of January 16, 2024

Motion to approve: Mrs. Sitzwohl

Seconded: Mr. Spaulding

Abstain: Mr. Frederick and Mr. Janke

Yes: All members in attendance

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

The Village will be hosting an event at the Pavilion for viewing the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. All Village Commissions will be invited along with Moreland Hills residents. A quantity of viewing glasses will be purchased for distribution to those attendees needing them. Soft drinks and snacks will also be offered. There are also thoughts for having music and children's crafts. Maybe we could identify someone with an astronomy background to talk about the eclipse. Mr. Spaulding offered to talk to a friend regarding the music idea.

The Village has obtained quotes for the stairs to the Birth Site, both are around \$300,000. The quotes are being reviewed by the Village Council.

Easter Egg Hunt Event:

Due to the proximity to the Solar Eclipse event, it was decided that the Easter Egg Hunt would be cancelled for this year.

Updates from the Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Wyatt reported on behalf of Mrs. Geck. Mr. Goodyear, author of the new biography of President Garfield, is still scheduled to speak at the Cabin on June 1, 2024. There is a plan to relocate Pulpit Rock, which is affiliated with the Birth Site, after the new stairs have been installed.

Open Discussion:

The current balance of Parks Commission funds is \$16,170.42.

Mr. Misterka reported that stone for improving the trails on Forest Ridge would cost \$15.00/ton.

There has been some discussion regarding the relocation of the Garfield statue.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Frederick

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members