

Moreland Hills Parks Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2023  
Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Wyatt.

**Members Present:**

Ms. Dewey  
Mr. DeWater  
Mayor Fritz  
Mrs. Freundlich  
Mr. Friedman  
Mrs. Geck  
Mr. Janke  
Mr. Olsson  
Mrs. Wyatt

**Members Absent:**

Mrs. Sitzwohl  
Mrs. Hardin-Levine

**Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of November 21, 2022**

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke  
Seconded: Mrs. Freundlich  
Yes: All other members

**Elect Chair for 2023**

Mr. Janke nominated Mrs. Wyatt to continue as chair.  
Seconded by Mayor Fritz  
Yes: All members

**Updates from Mayor Fritz:**

Mayor Fritz reported that Mr. Minoff decided not to continue with a second term on the Parks Commission. He also reported that Mr. Czayka was stepping down due to new job responsibilities. Mayor Fritz invited current members to submit recommendations for new members to fill the vacancies. He also mentioned that Village Council may offer membership opportunities to some of the applicants for the open seat on Council.

He would like the Parks Commission to continue sponsoring "More in the Hills" events at Forest Ridge Pavilion. He has proposed a line item in the Village budget to cover small expenses for sponsored events.

The Village received Cuyahoga County ARPA funding for repairs to Jackson Rd. The Village is preparing a second funding request for constructing a stairway system along the path going up the hillside to the Garfield Birth Site.

Village Council and the Legal Department have approved the contract with Hermes for this year's Head for the Hills event. A purchase order will be issued to Hermes.

**Moreland Hills Historical Society: Mrs. Geck**

The new signs for the Garfield birth site area are in the final approval phase. Mrs. Geck also reported that she participated in a meeting with the Northeast Ohio InterMuseum Council, of which M.H.H.S is a member. She also attended a meeting of the Garfield Trail Board of Trustees. The Garfield Trail Board of Trustees invited M.H.H.S. to have a representative on their board, but M.H.H.S. declined the invitation.

**Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman**

Mrs. Freundlich suggested that we attempt to get feedback from the participants in the Head for the Hills 5K. It would be good to know how we might improve their experience. Mr. Friedman will contact Hermes to determine if they offer a means of surveying the participants. Due to a lack of participation in the "Fun Run and Walk" for families at last year's event, we should consider a short run, at a lower cost, for young participants.

**Open Discussion:**

Mrs. Geck suggested the possibility of decorating trees at Forest Ridge for the Holiday Season. She also proposed a Trivia Night as an event for "More in the Hills".

It was suggested that the Commission develop a survey to solicit ideas from the community for events at "More in the Hills".

Ms. Dewey suggested the possibility of scheduling an Easter Egg Hunt at Forest Ridge the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

**Adjournment:**

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mayor Fritz

Yes: All members