

Moreland Hills Parks Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2023  
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  
Mr. Janke  
Mr. Misterka  
Mrs. Sitzwohl  
Mr. Spaulding  
Ms. Utech  
Mrs. Wyatt  
Mayor Spencer

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Frederick  
Mrs. Geck  
Ms. Hardin-Levine

**Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of September 18, 2023**

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke  
Seconded: Mr. Friedman  
Abstain: Mayor Spencer  
Yes: All other members in attendance

**Updates from Mayor Spencer:**

The Village will be holding their traditional Veterans Day Service at Veterans Gateway Park on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00am. The guest speaker will be former Moreland Hills resident and Ret. Army Colonel Kevin Shwedo.

A second plaque will be placed at Veterans Gateway Park to honor fallen veteran, J.C. Haskin.

**Updates from the Moreland Hills Historical Society:**

No Updates

**2023 Head for the Hills Wrap-Up:**

Overall agreement as to the success of the event.

Mr. Friedman reported that 116 runners and hikers signed up for the 5K and 1.5mile Hike. This was down from 132 in 2022. This was attributed to the threat of rain up until race day. Weather did clear for timing of event.

Ms. Hardin-Levine will provide complete financial reporting at the next parks meeting.

Mrs. Wyatt asked for clarification and discussion around the requirements for sponsors/donors to be included in marketing, i.e. signage and t-shirts.

Ms. Freundlich suggested we pick a date for next year and there was general agreement around the date of October 5, 2024. The mayor will confirm the date is available.

### **Kids' Halloween Fest**

Mr. DeWater reported that we have the Metro Parks permit for the hayride.

Ms. Utech presented a comprehensive plan for the October 21 event activities including crafts, games, decorations and music. She also created a flyer that can be printed or emailed to neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Wyatt and Mr. Misterka are arranging refreshments.

### **Park Benches Update**

No new discussion

### **Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz - Update**

Mayor Spencer reported he had spoken to Mrs. Fritz and she was pleased with the idea of a plaque honoring Mayor Fritz to be installed upon the completion of the new stairs at the James A. Garfield Birth Site.

### **Open Discussion**

Mayor Spencer reported that Governor DeWine has declared and signed the bill that establishes November 19 as James A. Garfield Day in Ohio. The Cabin will be open November 19 from 12:00 to 2:00 to mark the day.

Mr. Janke suggested we set the calendar in January for 2024 Parks Commission events.

Mr. Friedman suggested we consider ways the Parks Commission funds may be used. Ideas centered around trail erosion repair and running water for the Pavilion.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Spaulding

Yes: All members

