

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 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. Frederick
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Geck
Mr. Janke
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Member Absent:

Mayor Spencer
Ms. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Spaulding
Ms. Utech

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of October 16, 2023

Motion to approve: Mr. Olsson

Seconded: Mr. Friedman

Abstain: Mr. Frederick and Mr. Olsson

Yes: All other members in attendance. Approved with one correction. Mr. Olsson should be listed as absent from the October meeting.

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

No updates

Updates from Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Geck provided the following updates:

- President Garfield's Birthday has been officially recognized by the State of Ohio. The initial recognition will be on November 19, 2024.
- The cabin has been winterized and is closed for the winter
- The Garfield Trail Board Meeting was attended by approximately 15-20 people
- There is a need for a representative
- The book signing and the dedication of the new birth site signs are scheduled for June 1, 2024.
- There is a request for order forms for the commemorative sidewalk bricks.

Kids' Halloween Fest Wrap-Up:

The event was considered a success with an estimated 150 in attendance. It was suggested that next year's event be scheduled for 2:00-4:00 PM.

Park Benches Update:

Mrs. Sitzwohl shared some pictures she took in New York City of benches with commemorative plaques.

There was no other discussion on this topic.

Ideas to honor Mayor Dan Fritz:

With the approval of the Fritz Family, it has been decided to place a commemorative plaque at the base of the new stairway leading up to the original Garfield Birth Site.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Janke reported that the ceremony in honor of Veteran's Day was very good.

Mr. Fredericks proposed the idea of creating a 501C3 non-profit organization. This would make donations tax deductible. Mr. Janke will discuss this proposal with Mayor Spencer.

We will plan to discuss ideas for spending Parks Commission funds at the January meeting.

Several preliminary ideas were presented:

- erosion repair on the Forest Ridge trails
- extending the Cleveland City water line on Chagrin River Rd to provide water to the Pavilion
- improved signage for the Forest Ridge trails
- host a music event at the Pavilion

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members