

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023
Council Chambers

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

Members Present:

Ms. Dewey
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Geck
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Freundlich
Mayor Fritz

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of January 23, 2023

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Friedman

Abstain: Mrs. Hardin-Levine, Mr. Misterka, and Mrs. Sitzwohl

Yes: All other members in attendance

Updates from Mayor Fritz:

No updates.

Moreland Hills Historical Society: Mrs. Geck

Mrs. Geck introduced Mr. Rick Bryan. Mr. Bryan is currently on the Lakeview Cemetery Board. He has expressed an interest in assisting M.H.H.S. in their various activities, including the Garfield Trail.

Mrs. Geck displayed a sample of the new signs which will be installed around the birthplace site. A purchase order has been issued for making the new signs.

Mrs. Geck also informed the Commission that M.H.H.S. has stopped soliciting memberships.

Easter Egg Hunt

Ms. Dewey reported that biodegradable egg enclosures could be purchased at a cost of \$35.00 for 36 eggs. Since this would be rather expensive, it was suggested that we consider purchasing the traditional plastic egg enclosures and re-use them for future events.

The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday, April 1st, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Flyers will be made to publicize the event. Mrs. Wyatt will discuss the event with Mayor Fritz and request his approval to promote the event on the Village website.

Head for the Hills:

Mr. Friedman asked Hermes if they had a process for conducting a satisfaction survey with Head for the Hills participants. Hermes does not have this capability. Mr. Friedman volunteered to develop a simple questionnaire and send it out to participants using the e-mail addresses from the registrations. Mrs. Wyatt will ask Mayor Fritz for his approval to conduct the survey.

Mrs. Sitzwohl indicated that the "Turkey Trot" event conducts a participant satisfaction survey.

Mr. Friedman suggested we consider revising the participant fees for families. The \$30.00 for adults would remain, but we might want to reduce the entry fee for those under the age of 13 to \$15.00 or \$20.00. There was also some discussion about offering lower rates leading up to the event but increasing the entry fees a week immediately prior to the event. The proposed new fee schedules will be discussed with Mayor Fritz to obtain his approval.

Mr. Friedman introduced the idea of creating our own website for participants to register for our event. The current Hermes registration website is very lengthy and cumbersome.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine moved that Mr. Friedman proceed with the creation of a website, pending approval by Mayor Fritz.

Second: Mr. Friedman

Yes: All members

Two opportunities to reduce the costs for holding the event are in the advertising signs and the shirts. These opportunities will be further discussed.

Mr. Misterka suggested employing the sandwich board signs which are used by the Service Department.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine or Mrs. Wyatt will ask the Village Finance Department for the final financial details from last year's "Head for the Hills" event.

Mr. Friedman left the meeting at approximately 7:00 PM

Open Discussion:

Mr. Misterka reported that the three-panel message board, which was purchased by the Commission, would be installed at Lang Pavilion in the very near future.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members