

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023
Council Chambers

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

Members Present:

Ms. Dewey
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mr. Nielsen
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mayor Spencer
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

None

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of February 21, 2023

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke
Seconded: Mrs. Sitzwohl
Abstain: Mr. DeWater and Mrs. Freundlich
Yes: All other members in attendance

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

Mayor Spencer introduced himself to the Commission. He explained that the Village Charter requires the President of Village Council to assume the position of Mayor due to the passing of Mayor Fritz. He was sworn in on March 16 and met with Village employees on March 17. He expressed his support for the Parks Commission and appreciates the fundraising efforts. He also indicated that he had been considering running for Mayor, in the event that Dan Fritz decided not to run for re-election.

Moreland Hills Historical Society: Mr. Nielsen

Mr. Nielsen reported that the cabin would be opening for Memorial Day weekend and the M.H.H.S is looking for docent volunteers. The minimum age for a docent is sixteen. Also, the new signs for the birth site are being printed. He extended the Historical Society's appreciation to the Service Department and the Boy Scouts for their efforts in enhancing the appearance of the birth site.

Mr. DeWater reported that the application for A.R.P.A. funds from the County to build a metal stairway up to the birth site was not approved.

Easter Egg Hunt: Ms. Dewey

The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday, April 1st, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. The announcement will be posted on the Village website. The plastic eggshells and candy will be ordered. Mrs. Wyatt will arrange for coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts from Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Olsson volunteered to pick them up for the event, since Mrs. Wyatt would be out of town. Ms. Dewey asked that all volunteers arrive at the pavilion by about 1:00 PM.

Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman

Mr. Friedman reported that our "Head for the Hills" event is posted on the Hermes website. Our new, simplified website for the event (www.headforthehills.info) is operational.

The entry fee schedule has been revised to \$30.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 13 and under. The hike will be promoted as a family event. We may consider having volunteers stationed along the hiking trail to point out items of interest.

A formal survey, consisting of three questions, will be developed for feedback from the participants. In the past we have received favorable verbal feedback.

The idea of a food truck and live music was suggested for this year's event. Mrs. Hardin-Levine has been in touch with a food truck vendor who is interested in participating.

The current balance of funds generated by the Parks Commission is \$12,319.86.

Open Discussion:

It was suggested that we include a commemoration for Dan Fritz in the Head for the Hills event. This will be further discussed at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Spencer and Mr. Janke will discuss this concept with Dan Fritz's family before any decision is made.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members