

Moreland Hills Parks Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
Community Building

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

**Members Present:**

Mr. DeWater  
Mrs. Geck  
Mr. Friedman  
Mr. Misterka  
Mr. Olsson  
Mrs. Sitzwohl  
Mayor Spencer  
Mrs. Wyatt

**Members Absent:**

Ms. Dewey  
Mrs. Freundlich  
Mr. Janke

**Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of April 17, 2023**

Motion to approve: Mr. Friedman  
Seconded: Mrs. Sitzwohl  
Abstain: Mrs. Hardin-Levine  
Yes: All other members in attendance

**Updates from Mayor Spencer:**

Greening the Hills is scheduled for Saturday May 20, 2023

OPUS 216 is scheduled to perform at Lang Pavilion on July 29, 2023.

Several changes for use of the Lang Pavilion are under consideration:

- Change reservation hours to: 7:00 AM-2:00 PM and 3:00 PM-9:00 PM
- Non-residents can reserve beginning April 1
- Residents can reserve beginning January 1
- Non-residents can reserve 14 days in advance of their event
- Residents can reserve 60 days in advance of their event

Mr. Rick Vincent has been selected to fill the vacant Village Council Seat

Applicants for the vacant Village Council Seat will be contacted to determine if they would be interested in becoming a member of the Parks Commission.

ARPA Funds from Cuyahoga County have been secured for repairs of Jackson Road and Chagrin River Road.

Due to a prior engagement, Mayor Spencer left the meeting at 6:22 PM.

### **Moreland Hills Historical Society:**

Mrs. Geck reported that the Cleveland Museum of Art invited the Northeast Ohio Inter-Museum Council to set up a display at the Art Museum for a day.

The Garfield Cabin will open on Memorial Day and a group tour is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>.

MHHS has set up a President Garfield display at the Orange Library.

The new signs for the Garfield Birth Site have been received.

Commemorative bricks for the walkway at the Garfield Cabin are still available for purchase.

Mr. Charles Goodyear has recently written a biography of James Garfield. During his research for the book, Mrs. Geck gave him a tour of the birth site. Mr. Goodyear has agreed to conduct a book signing at the site, which is tentatively scheduled for June 2024.

### **Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz:**

Several suggestions were presented:

- For the Head for the Hills event, designate the 5K to Dan Fritz
- Add a Dan Fritz plaque to the new stairway going to the Garfield Birth Site
- Add a Dan Fritz plaque to the Tri-Fold sign at Lang Pavilion

Any proposal for commemorating Dan Fritz will be reviewed with his family for their approval.

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

Mr. Friedman reported there are no sign-ups for Head for the Hills at this time.

A logistics meeting needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Janke is investigating new shirt vendors. Hermes offers shirts that are approximately one-half the cost of shirts purchased for prior events. Mr. Friedman will inform Mr. Janke of the Hermes option. It was suggested that Mr. Janke discuss shirt vendor options with Mr. Misterka.

Mrs Hardin-Levine has learned that the Village has identified a new sign vendor. She will speak with Mrs. Arrietta regarding sign procurement for Head for the Hills.

It was suggested that businesses offering services or experiences be approached for silent auction donations.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine will further investigate and firm up a food truck for Head for the Hills.

**More in the Hills:**

Rachel Frutkin has agreed to conduct a running clinic at Lang Pavilion in July. Mrs. Wyatt will contact her to establish a date.

**Open Discussion:**

Mr. Olsson distributed a copy of the M.H.H.S. minutes that were reported at the previous Parks Commission meeting. A copy will be forwarded to Mrs. Arrietta for the record.

Since several members of the Commission will be unable to attend the June meeting, it was decided to schedule a ZOOM meeting. Mrs. Arrietta will be contacted for scheduling.

**Adjournment:**

Move to adjourn: Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mr. Friedman

Yes: All members