

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023
Via ZOOM

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

Members Present:

Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Geck
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mayor Spencer
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Mr. DeWater
Ms. Dewey
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mrs. Sitzwohl

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of May 15, 2023

Motion to approve: Mr. Friedman
Seconded: Mr. Olsson
Abstain: Mrs. Freundlich
Yes: All other members in attendance

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

Two new members of the Parks Commission have been selected to fill the current vacancies. Mr. Tom Spaulding and Mr. Brian Frederick were both applicants for the open seat on the Village Council. They will be sworn in at the upcoming Village Council meeting and will attend the July meeting of the Parks Commission.

Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Geck reported that new docents for the Garfield Cabin have been trained. She is very pleased with the enthusiasm they have shown.

A motor coach tour consisting of 23 people toured the cabin and the birth site on May 31st.

Mr. Misterka confirmed that the new signs, purchased by M.H.H.S for the Garfield birth site, have been received.

“More in the Hills” Events and Ideas

Mayor Spencer will ask Mrs. Arrietta to contact Shayna Sharpe to determine her suggested gardening topic for a “More in the Hills” event.

Park Benches:

Mr. Misterka distributed pictures of a park bench that is constructed 100% of recycled materials. The cost is \$525. This is being investigated as a fund raising opportunity. We would need to establish a selling price, including the cost for engraving. The benches would be offered to Village residents with commemorative engraving of their choice. The benches would be installed in the Forest Ridge area or other parks in the Village, such as Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Misterka will contact the vendor to determine engraving costs.

Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz:

No new discussion

Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman

Mr. Friedman reported there are currently 9 participants signed up for the event. He has also contacted previous sponsors for their participation in this year’s event.

A notice for this year’s event will be placed in the upcoming Village Newsletter.

The Village has been contacted by a business interested in being a sponsor.

Mrs. Wyatt has obtained a list of potential donors for the silent auction from other organizations that have used silent auctions for fund raising.

It was suggested that we come to the July meeting prepared to “brain storm” ideas for “Head for the Hills”.

Open Discussion:

Mrs. Freundlich suggested that we place an article in the Village Newsletter promoting Forest Ridge.

Mayor Spencer reported that support from Cuyahoga County for the Village website will be ending. The Village is investigating options for a new vendor. One under consideration is Civic Plus.

The current balance of Parks Commission funds is \$12,319.

It was decided that the July Parks Commission meeting will be held at Lang Pavilion.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Olsson

Seconded: Mayor Spencer

Yes: All members