

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023
Forest Ridge Lang Pavilion

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

Members Present:

Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Freundlich (arrived at 6:30 PM)
Mr. Frederick
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Geck
Mr. Janke
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mr. Spaulding
Mrs. Wyatt

Guest:

Mrs. Irish-Glass

Members Absent:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mayor Spencer

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

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Friedman

Abstain: Mr. Dewater, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Sitzwohl

Yes: All other members in attendance

Introductions of new Parks Commission Members:

Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Frederick provided their background information to the Commission members.

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

No update

Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Geck reported there have been 125 visitors to the Garfield Cabin so far this year. Currently they have six docents and three last minute docent volunteers. On June 1, 2024 they are planning to have an unveiling of the new signs. C.W. Goodyear, the author of a recent biography of President Garfield, will attend the event.

Mrs. Geck extended her appreciation to Mrs. Hardin-Levine for donating some large rocks which were used to outline the fireplace at the original cabin site.

M.H.H.S. is looking for "Last minute docent" volunteers. There is no required training.

“More in the Hills” Events and Ideas

We are still trying to schedule a presentation on running. We are awaiting a reply from the speaker to establish the date.

It was suggested that we ask the Green Commission if they would schedule one of their members for a presentation. Mr. Frederick will ask the Western Reserve Land Conservancy if they would be willing to provide a speaker.

Community Day is scheduled for 3:00 PM on July 29th. It was suggested that the Parks Commission set up a table and provide flyers for the “Head for the Hills” event. Several members volunteered to staff the table. Mr. Friedman will contact Mrs. Hardin-Levine to obtain the flyers.

Park Benches:

A new vendor has been identified who is willing to include engraving in the purchase price. It was also suggested that we consider sourcing the commemorative plaque separately. Mr. DeWater will contact Gino’s for pricing information.

Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz:

No new discussion. Mayor Spencer will be discussing this with the Fritz family.

Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman

Sponsors from last year’s event will be contacted to determine if they are willing to sponsor this year’s event.

Mr. DeWater reminded the commission that Chagrin River Road is scheduled for resurfacing during the time of the event.

Silent auction donors from last year are being contacted for participation in this year's event.

Donors of services should be considered. The concept of “Mayor for the Day” was suggested.

Mr. Janke is coordinating the shirt design and procurement through Hermes.

The owner of Escape Landscaping has expressed an interest in a sponsorship opportunity.

Mrs. Freundlich volunteered to organize the hike for the event.

Mrs. Wyatt will contact Mrs. Hardin-Levine to obtain the information on the food truck which is tentatively scheduled for the event.

The new beat reporter from the Chagrin Valley Times will be contacted to possibly assist with promoting our event.

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

Open Discussion:

Mrs. Irish-Glass suggested the possibility of using funds generated by the Head for the Hills event to sponsor scholarships for area students.

For the benefit of the new members, each of the Commission members introduced themselves.

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

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members