

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 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 6:45 PM)
Mr. Frederick
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Geck
Ms. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mr. Spaulding
Ms. Utech
Mrs. Wyatt

Member Absent:

Mayor Spencer

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

Motion to approve: Mr. Olsson

Seconded: Ms. Hardin-Levine

Abstain: Mr. Janke and Ms. Utech

Yes: All other members in attendance

Updates from Mayor Spencer:

No updates

Moreland Hills Historical Society:

Mrs. Geck provided the following updates:

- MHHS has terminated their lease for the Cabin effective September 30, 2023
- The new sign unveiling and book signing with Mr. Charles Goodyear has tentatively been rescheduled from June 1, 2024 to June 15, 2024.
- There have been 346 visitors to the Cabin this year, including Orange 2nd graders.
- The Garfield Trail organization is looking for a Moreland Hills representative
- State House Bill 61 is proposing the establishment of November 19th as James A. Garfield Day.
- On Thursday, November 9th at 4:00 PM the Garfield Trail Board will meet at the Village Community Center. Mayor Spencer will greet the Board members.
- September 2023 MHHS 94 years
- November 11th Veteran's Day
- November 19th James A. Garfield's Birthday (192 years)
- December 16th Wreaths Across America
- Garfield Trail Wine Event (Fundraiser) is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00-8:00PM (See attached flyer)

More in the Hills

Mrs. Freundlich reported that the running presentation will be rescheduled for next year.

Mr Frederick reported that the Land Conservancy presentation was cancelled due to bad weather.

Park Benches:

Mr. DeWater reported that the cost for a bench, including engraving, is about \$750. He also reported that the Metro Parks sells dedicated benches for \$10,000.

Mr. DeWater will contact Orange Village to determine their selling price for dedicated benches.

Ideas to Honor Mayor Dan Fritz:

No new discussion. This idea has not yet been discussed with the Fritz family.

Head for the Hills: Mr. Friedman

As of the meeting date, we have 30 attendees signed up. The sign-ups should escalate as the date approaches.

Mr. Friedman will provide the Service Department with a plan for setting up the tables for the silent auction.

The food truck is confirmed. (Blaze N)

Mr. Frederick will be filming the 5K with his drone.

Mr. Janke reported that the shirts are on schedule.

Mrs. Freundlich reported there will be two tables for children's crafts.

The Service Department will set up the PA system and mark the hiking trail.

A student group will set up their Stream Study display regarding the health of Willey Creek.

The current balance of Parks Commission funds is \$15,139

Open Discussion:

The Halloween Event (Fall-Fest) is scheduled for October 21st. It was decided to change the time from 2:00-4:00 to 1:00-4:00

An announcement will be posted on the Village Website.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn: Ms. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mr. Frederick

Yes: All members