

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2022
Community Building

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Wyatt.

Members Present:

Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mayor Fritz
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Minoff
Mr. Olsson
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Member Absent:

Mr. Czayka

Also Present:

Mrs. Geck MHHS

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of March 29, 2022

Motion to approve: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mrs. Freundlich

Yes:

Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mayor Fritz
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Minoff
Mr. Olsson
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Updates from Mayor Fritz:

The Law Department has made some minor changes to the Pavilion Regulations. The Regulations will be posted on the Village website.

Due to the difficulty of holding deposit checks for pavilion reservations for an extended period, it was decided that there will be a fee to reserve and use the facility. Residents will pay a \$50.00 fee and non-residents will pay a \$100.00 fee. There will still be a refundable deposit of \$200.00 for food trucks. The Village will only accept checks for deposits and payments.

The patios are almost complete. Trees are being planted and a fence is being erected for shielding around the gas well.

Some of the programs planned for the pavilion are a coyote information night, master gardener presentation, and a demonstration by the service department comparing the noise of gas vs. battery powered lawn equipment. The Parks Commission was asked to consider organizing a breakfast fundraiser to coincide with the fishing day at Pott's Pier. Yoga classes are being planned for the first and third Saturdays of the month, beginning in June.

Mayor Fritz also reported that the Village has "Opted Out" of the new State of Ohio Regulation which allows the use of some types of fireworks on specified holidays. The Village also updated the regulations pertaining to the use of fireplaces and recreational burning. The regulation focuses on the use of seasoned wood so there is minimal smoke. Open burning is still not allowed.

Concern was raised regarding enforcement of the leash and dog waste regulations at Forest Ridge. Dogs are often seen running loose in the area. We will need to develop some additional methods of enforcement.

Further Pavilion Updates:

Mr. DeWater reported that the entrance area to the Forest Ridge trails has been widened. Boards have been replaced on Pott's Pier. Aggregate has been added around the restrooms to prevent erosion from water running off the roof. A fence is being erected to shield the refuse bins. Trees are being planted. New signage, the grills, and the dedication stone are all being installed.

Mayor Fritz excused himself from the meeting at 6:45 PM due to another engagement.

Updates from the Moreland Hills Historical Society

Mrs. Geck described some of the new ideas for the birth site which include adding building remnants to show the location of the original cabin and small crab trees to show the orchard location. The new signs will have QR codes so visitors will be able to view additional information and download videos.

Parks Commission Events for the Pavilion

Thursday, July 21, 2022 has tentatively been selected for a presentation by a master gardener. Shayna Sharpe will be invited to attend our May meeting to discuss the presentation and finalize the plans.

Pavilion Grand Opening and Dedication

A sign will be prepared to promote Head for the Hills, and flyers will also be included in the Swag Bags.

Head for the Hills

Several topics regarding this year's event were discussed. It was decided that details would be discussed at next month's meeting. However, establishing goals should be decided as soon as possible.

Approval to establish a Fundraising goal of \$20,000 and participant goal of 200 entrants.

Moved: Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Seconded: Mr. Janke

Yes: All members

Nay: none

Open Discussion:

Mr. Olsson asked the commission members if they had read the recent Village Newsletter which reported that Village Council had passed an Ordinance to amend the "Parks Commission Administrative Code"? This amendment would add a voting member to the Parks Commission from the Moreland Hills Student Civic Leadership Program. Mr. Olsson went on to state that he fully supported the Ordinance, but was somewhat disappointed that the Parks Commission was not informed of this legislation before it was enacted. Some members of the commission concurred with Mr. Olsson's comments.

Mr. Janke provided an overview of the selection process for the new Commission Member. Any student living in Moreland Hills is eligible to apply whether they attend public or private schools. The application will include an essay. The essays will be submitted to the review committee without the names of the applicants.

Move to Adjourn at 7:45 PM

Moved: Mr. Janke

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members

Nay: none