

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022
Community Building

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 PM by the Chair, Mrs. Wyatt.

Members Present:

Mr. Czayka
Mr. Friedman
Mrs. Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Olsson
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Members Absent:

Mrs. Freundlich
Mayor Fritz
Mr. Minoff

Also Present:

Mr. Misterka
Mrs. Geck

Approval of the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting of January 18, 2022

Motion to approve: ?

Seconded: ?

Yes:

Mr. Czayka
Mr. Friedman
Mr. Janke
Mr. Olsson
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Wyatt

Abstain:

Mrs Hardin-Levine
Mrs. Sitzwohl

Updates from Mayor Fritz:

In the absence of Mayor Fritz, Mrs. Wyatt conveyed the Mayor's comments at the Commission meeting.

The scheduled dedication for the Forest Ridge Pavilion was confirmed for May 7, 2022, from noon to 3:00 PM. Mr. DeWater circulated a map of the area around the pavilion identifying items which are still scheduled for completion prior to the dedication.

The Village is giving the Commission several of the old Moreland Hills Village signs which can be auctioned or sold for fund raising. It was suggested that several of the signs could be made available for sale at the dedication. It was also suggested that one or two of the signs would be put in the silent auction at this year's Head for the Hills event in October. There will be further discussion on this topic.

There was no update on the final financials for fundraising from last year's Head for the Hills event.

Updates from the Moreland Hills Historical Society

Mrs. Geck reported that the MHHS would attend the pavilion dedication ceremony and provide information concerning their organization. She also informed the Commission that MHHS is still developing enhancement plans for the Garfield Birth Site. She indicated that she would be meeting with the Mayor regarding additional signage.

Mr. DeWater informed the Commission that the Village has funds in the budget to repair the split rail fencing at the Birth Site.

Natural Classroom

The Natural Classroom has again requested to use the Forest Ridge Pavilion area to conduct their classes. Many thoughts were expressed both in favor of the concept and against the idea of a "for profit" organization using the facility. It could interfere with the casual usage of the facility by Moreland Hills residents. Also, since the organization is "for profit", should the Village be able to charge them a fee for using the facility? There were also questions regarding their use of the facility as it relates to Land Conservancy regulations. There will be further discussion on this matter.

Open Discussion

Mrs. Wyatt reported that Ohio H.B. 51 allows public meetings to be conducted "virtually" through June 2022. The consensus of the Commission was to continue meeting "in person".

Mr. Friedman asked about the status of the Hermes contract for the 2022 Head for the Hills event. Mr. Janke reported that it had been approved by M. H. Council. Mr. Janke

will check with Mrs. Arrietta to determine if the contract was signed and returned to Hermes.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine commented regarding the preparation for the 2022 Head for the Hills event. She feels that we need to start the planning process sooner than we did last year. She asked if small, focused groups can meet to develop plans without violating Sunshine Laws. This topic will require further discussion at the next Commission meeting.

Mrs. Sitzwohl was introduced as the newly appointed member of the Commission.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at approximately 7:10 PM

Moved by ?

Seconded by: Mr. Olsson

Yes

Mr. Czayka
Mr. Friedman
Mrs Hardin-Levine
Mr. Janke
Mr. Olsson
Mr. DeWater
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

No: