

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022
Lang Pavilion at Forest Ridge

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

Members Present:

Mr. Czayka
Ms. Dewey
Mrs. Freundlich
Mr. Friedman
Mayor Fritz
Mr. Janke
Mr. Minoff
Mr. Misterka
Mr. Olsson
Mrs. Sitzwohl
Mrs. Wyatt

Member Arriving after Roll Call

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

M.H.H.S

Mrs. Geck

Guest:

Mr. Emerman

Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of June 20, 2022

Motion to approve: Mr. Minoff

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members

Abstaining: Mr. Misterka, Mayor Fritz, Mr. Janke, and Ms. Dewey

Introduction of new member Sofia Dewey, Student Civic Leadership Program

Ms. Dewey introduced herself. She is a student at Hathaway Brown and will be a senior this upcoming school year. Mr. Emerman continued to explain the Student Civic Leadership Program. The other student selected for this program is Joy Utech. Ms. Utech will be a junior at Orange High School. Ms. Utech will be a member of the Green Commission and Diversity Inclusion. Next year Ms. Utech will become a member of the Parks Commission and a new junior level student will be selected for the Green Commission and Diversity Inclusion.

Updates from Mayor Fritz:

The Mayor indicated that attendance at some of the Pavilion events has been mediocre. The Yoga class has been averaging about 10 attendees. Other methods of promoting the events are under consideration.

Upcoming Events:

July 21st: Gardening Problems. Presented by Shayna Sharpe

August 4th: Fight Like a Girl. Presented by M.H. Officer Laura Parks

August 25th: Wine and Cheese with a performance by Opus 216

September 8th: Native vs. Invasive Plants

September 22nd: Meet M.H. Village Council Members

Mayor Fritz also invited Parks Commission members to volunteer at the Greening the Hills event scheduled for September 17th.

The Facilities Committee has approved the installation of an information board at Lang Pavilion. Mr. Misterka provided pictures of the Tri-Fold design as well as some lower cost alternatives.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine moved to proceed with the installation of the Tri-Fold Board design.

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

All members voted yes, except for Mr. Minoff who voted No.

It was also suggested that a trail map be on one of the panels.

Overall, people utilizing the pavilion have been adhering to the regulations. There were some instances of cars backing into the rocks at the edge of the parking lot. There are closure problems on the restroom doors which will be repaired.

Signage is being installed to direct people from the rear parking lot of the Land Conservancy to the pavilion.

Moreland Hills Historical Society

Mrs. Geck reported that Daughters of the American Revolution have expressed an interest in providing some volunteers to act as docents at the cabin. On July 26th a bus tour consisting of 24 participants would be visiting the cabin. More fence work has been done at the birth site. Some clearing of brush along the drive has been completed. They are considering planting 3 or possibly 6 crab apple trees.

Head for the Hills:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine reported that she had sent out letters to last year's sponsors. She will also e-mail a proposed solicitation letter to Commission members, after it is reviewed by Village administration

Mr. Janke will again lead the shirt design process. The logo and shirt material needs to be finalized. It was suggested that we develop a unique logo for the Head for the Hills event. Mr. Janke will confirm the lead time for ordering the shirts. Ms. Dewey volunteered to assist with the shirt design activity.

Mr. Friedman reported there are currently twice as many entrants for the event than at this same time last year.

It was suggested that a new, longer course be designed for the kids walk.

Mayor Fritz left the meeting at 7:05 for another engagement.

Mrs. Sitzwohl will work with Mrs. Hardin-Levine to compile a list of businesses to approach for contributions to the silent auction. It was again suggested that we investigate selling some of the old Moreland Hills Village signs which have been taken down.

Open Discussion:

It was reported that Hunting Valley has written a grant request for \$400,000 to preserve the land they own on Chagrin River Road, north of South Woodland.

The August 15th Parks Commission meeting will be held at Lang Pavilion.

Adjournment:

Moved: Mr. Minoff

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members