

Moreland Hills Parks Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2022  
Community Building

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

**Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mr. Misterka-Service Dept.  
Mrs. Cobb-MHHS

**Approval of the minutes from Parks Commission meeting of February 22, 2022**

Motion to approve: Mr. Friedman

Seconded: Mr. Janke

Yes:

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

Abstain:

Mrs. Freundlich  
Mayor Fritz  
Mr. Minoff

### **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.

Reminder: Greening the Hills is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Parks Commission will have two weekend days available for scheduling events at the Pavilion. This does not include Run for the Hills. The Commission will also have an opportunity to schedule events for weekdays. The Commission members should bring ideas to the April meeting for discussion and recommendations. Some ideas suggested were a children's story night, musician performances, and guest speakers. The Mayor indicated that speakers or musicians could be compensated for appearing. The Mayor also reported that Mrs. Hardin-Levine's suggested name for the Thursday events has been selected.

### **Pavilion Dedication**

The Parks Commission will have a table at the Pavilion Dedication with handouts promoting Head for the Hills in October. There will be "swag bags" containing items to give to attendees. The food and refreshments are being planned for about 100 adults and 50 children. A food truck will also be on site. Flour has agreed to donate food for the event. The dedication stone has been prepared and is ready for installation.

### **Pavilion Updates**

Mr. DeWater reported that the restrooms have been installed. There is a concrete pad where a garage was located. The pad will be covered with gravel and picnic tables will be placed there. Mounding and trees are being added for shielding. The patios around the pavilion are progressing. The Boy Scouts will be repairing and staining the picnic tables. A fence with a locking gate will be installed around the gas well. A volunteer day may be scheduled for cleaning and staining Potts Pier.

Mr. Misterka reported that curbing is being installed around the restrooms to prevent erosion.

### **Updates from the Moreland Hills Historical Society**

Mrs. Cobb reported they are still preparing new signs for the birth site. The cabin will be opening on Memorial Day and will close in September.

MHHS will have a table set up at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Pavilion Dedication. They plan to have coloring books to hand out to children.

Mr. DeWater reported that a contract has been issued for installation of the split rail fence in the birth site area.

## **Natural Classroom**

The Commission members further discussed the possibility of the Natural Classroom using Forest Ridge Park for their classes. Mr. Misterka shared some pictures he took of materials that remained on the grounds between camp sessions. Although Park Commission members support the mission of the Natural Classroom, it was felt that their daily use of the facility, for weeks at a time, would restrict availability for the residents of Moreland Hills.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine moved that the Parks Commission recommend to Village Council that the Natural Classroom's request be denied.

Seconded: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members of the Parks Commission

## **Erosion on Forest Ridge Trails**

Mr. Dewater reported that erosion is occurring along the edges of the creek. The Village Engineer will be contacted for remediation recommendations.

## **Sunshine Laws**

At the February meeting, the question arose if Sunshine Laws apply when small groups of Commission members meet for discussion. It was stated that in these instances the Sunshine Laws are applicable.

## **Open Discussion**

Mr. Olsson asked about the final accounting of the fundraising efforts of the Parks Commission. The Mayor indicated that this would be added to next month's agenda.

Several members brought up the subject of composting. Both Mrs. Hardin-Levine and Mrs. Freundlich indicated they have some experience with composting. There was also some discussion about the composting effort at the community garden.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at approximately 7:25 PM

Moved: Mr. Minoff

Seconded: Mr. Janke

Yes: All commission members