

Moreland Hills Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022
Community Building

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Czayka
Mayor Fritz
Mr. Janke

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

Motion to approve, with one change pertaining to the suggestion that the Parks Commission organize a breakfast for the fishing day at Pott's Pier. Mr. DeWater had reminded the Commission that the local Boy Scout Troop provides the breakfast each year.

Mr. Minoff

Seconded: Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Yes: All members

Updates from Mayor Fritz, presented by Mrs. Wyatt:

Mayor Fritz extended his thanks for all the effort that went into the dedication of Lang Pavilion. It was a great success. He also reminded the Commission of the Greening the Hills event scheduled for Saturday May 21st.

There will be improvements to the Garfield Trail, which includes Hiram College, the cabin in Moreland Hills, and Lakeview Cemetery. These improvements are scheduled to be completed in 2031, in preparation for the 200th Anniversary of President Garfield's birth.

Improvements to the Garfield Birth Site are underway. Auburn Fence will be installing a new split rail fence. Low, wet areas will be filled. Work will be performed to define the locations of the pasture and the original cabin.

Master Gardener, Shayna Sharpe

Shayna Sharpe introduced herself and reminded the Commission of the presentation scheduled for 6:00 PM on May 19th at Lang Pavilion. The meeting will begin at the pavilion and then move to the community garden.

Mrs. Sharpe provided a list of potential subjects for presentations at Forest Ridge:

- 1) Tree identification hike
- 2) Backyard chickens
- 3) "Poetry" in the park
- 4) Nature walk
- 5) Garden problems
- 6) Native vs. invasive plants
- 7) Meditation
- 8) Herb gardening
- 9) Rain barrels
- 10) Presentation by Independent Tree Co.

There was further discussion regarding the community garden. Mr. DeWater informed the Commission that the service department is installing larger, elevated water tanks.

Pavilion Presentation Dates:

6-9-2022: The Service Department will demonstrate the noise level difference between gas vs. electric yard equipment.

7-21-2022: TBD

9-8-2022: TBD

Moreland Hills Historical Society:

No report

Head for the Hills:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine reported that the QR Code for Hermes is still active for our Head for the Hills event. She also distributed a list of action items in preparation for the event.

It was suggested that if we are planning to approach high profile businesses and/or individuals in the Village for large donations, we would need to define a specific project. One of the project ideas discussed was improving the trails at Forest Ridge.

Motion to make trail improvement a focused project: Mr. Olsson

Second: Mrs. Hardin-Levin

Yes: All members

The Commission members further discussed the responsibilities and authority of the Parks Commission. Mr. Olsson read part of Chapter 157.02 Duties and Functions. "Members of the Parks Commission shall have no legislative authority and are responsible only for making recommendations to Council."

June Meeting:

Several members indicated that they would not be available for the next scheduled meeting of June 20th. After some discussion, it was decided that June 6th would be a good alternate date.

Motion to move the June meeting to June 6th: Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Second: Mr. Olsson

Yes: All members

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Minoff

Second: Mrs. Sitzwohl

Yes: All members