

Brookville Board of Park Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville Board of Park Trustees was called to order by President Cordes at 7:30 p.m. on February 12, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustees Haney and Vance; Clerk Wheeler, Manager Burkholder were present. Council Liaison Kirklin and Finance Director Keaton were absent.

Motion by Haney, second by Vance to approve the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Vance, second by Haney to approve the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Heather Barr, President of Brookville Baseball Club (BBC), presented their 2018 finances. She informed the BBC plans to help with the Annual Park Cleanup this year. She stated the BBC would like to focus on improving the dugouts this year.

Manager Burkholder informed his office will be following up soon with a letter to the BBC and 2019 contract to be signed.

President Cordes thanked Ms. Barr for attending the Park Board Meeting and for all she does with the BBC for the community.

Zach Music, of 130 South Wolf Creek, asked if there is a drainage issue near the entrance of Golden Gate Park?

Manager Burkholder informed yes, there has been for several years. He informed it is not been determined if the elevation is right, and may require further investigation with a camera. He informed it needs to be determined if the drain is back draining.

Mr. Music stated his concern is if that drain is a main source of a drain for use during the Community Picnic, then it needs to be addressed before the picnic.

Manager Burkholder informed it is an area that needs addressed and fixed because every time there is a significant rain, the water pulls and sits right there by the entrance.

Manager Burkholder provided a picture of the Grove area in Golden Gate Park after the recent rain.

President Cordes stated she checked on the grove area after the last rainfall.

Manager Burkholder stated Council Liaison Kirklin and Finance Director Keaton are absent tonight. He informed Finance Director Keaton provided a finance report to Members.

Trustee Haney reported the Rotary shelter was discussed at the last Park Board Meeting and there hasn't been a Rotary Board Meeting since. She stated she noticed driving through the park recently there are other buildings in need of repair also. She stated she is hoping once the weather clears it will make it easier to take a look at the buildings up close for evaluation. She asked if people volunteer to do the work, is that ok?

Manager Burkholder informed it will need to be coordinated with City Staff. He agreed once the weather breaks, it will be easier to do a better assessment of the various buildings.

President Cordes suggested contacting Miami Valley CTC to see if they have students interested in the work as a project.

Trustee Vance asked how the process is going for the open Park Board seat?

Manager Burkholder informed interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Council will be holding a Special Meeting to interview one applicant for Park Board and one applicant for Board of Zoning and Appeals.

Trustee Vance asked how soon that person would be appointed?

Manager Burkholder informed Council will hold the interviews in Executive Session and then make a decision and appoint in Open Session. He stated hopefully by the next Park Board Meeting the position should be filled.

Trustee Vance asked if there is any extra money in the park budget for capital improvements?

Manager Burkholder explained there is nothing in the budget for capital improvements in the Park Fund. He informed there is a little bit built into the budget for building and land maintenance. He stated the amount for Capital Improvements is very limited for all Departments because the overall budget is still projected for the expenses to exceed the revenues by approximately \$300,000. He informed at the September Council Retreat, the need for additional revenue sources or how to greatly reduce expenses was discussed and because of that, Capital Improvements will be minimal. He stated the City has to cover operating expenses, wages, utilities and debt services, which mean capital improvements are usually the first to get cut. He informed City Council recently held a Budget Work Session to discuss possible revenue options and will hopefully hold another one soon to discuss further.

Trustee Vance asked if a Parks and Rec. Levy has been discussed?

Manager Burkholder informed Council had a lot of information to review and asked questions at the last Work Session, but no proposals relative to the type of levies or sources for additional revenue were brought up. He stated there is still an opportunity to have that discussion with City Council.

Trustee Haney asked if a grant would be possible to help have the tennis courts repaired?

Manager Burkholder informed a Nature Works Grant has been previously discussed, but the application window hasn't opened up yet.

President Cordes stated a log playground and wheelchair swing have been discussed in the past. She informed she has been doing some research on these ideas. She stated based upon what she has learned, she doesn't think the wheelchair swing would be a good idea because they are mechanical swings and the swings require a ramp, fence around it and a key to turn on the swing. She stated the need for a key would make it difficult because who would hold onto it.

Trustee Vance suggested handicap accessible playground equipment instead, maybe with possible grant money.

President Cordes suggested she research the idea.

President Cordes stated a log playground made with finished wood has also been discussed. She described log playgrounds are made of finished wood so they do not splinter. She reminded this idea was originally discussed to do at Westbrook Park. She stated she thinks some focus really needs to be on Westbrook Park.

Trustee Vance asked if we have more trees to be cut down, could those be used to make a log playground?

President Cordes stated it would have to be looked into to see if certain types of trees are better than others to be used and what the cost associated would be for this type of project. She asked if the other Members would consider the idea of trying to add to Westbrook Park.

President Cordes asked if the water fountain at the Westbrook park will be fixed?

Manager Burkholder informed quotes have been obtained and forwarded to the Soccer Association.

President Cordes reminded the Community Park Cleanup is scheduled for April 13, 2019.

Shelly Music, Park Caretaker, stated the drinking fountain in front of Shelter #3 at Golden Gate Park barely works and asked if it could be estimated for a replacement.

Manager Burkholder informed he will have the Service Department take a look at it.

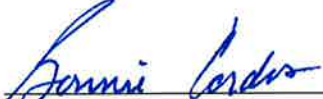
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Motion by Haney, second by Vance to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Meghan Wheeler, Clerk



Bonnie Cordes, President