



Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2025 • 7:00 p.m. • Beverly Park Pavilion (18801 Beverly Rd) • www.villagebeverlyhills.com

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Amendments to the Agenda/Approve Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Approve minutes of a Parks & Recreation Board meeting held September 18, 2025
5. Business Agenda
 - A. Review & consider Wayne State Sculpture Project
6. Discussion
 - A. Park Sign
 - B. Parks & Recreation Coordinator
 - C. Event Marketing
 - D. Halloween Hoot
 - E. Review the pavilion rental agreement and rental fee waiver policy
7. Public Comments
8. Administration Comments
9. Liaison Comments
10. Board Comments
11. Adjournment

Village of Beverly Hills • 18500 W. 13 Mile Road • Beverly Hills • 48025

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Present: Chairperson Goodrich; Vice Chairperson Ross; Secretary Bresnahan; Members:
Bayless, Borgon, Kreit, Hausman, O’Gorman and Ruprich

Absent:

Also Present: Village Clerk, Brown
Public Services Director, Johnston
Council Liaison, Hrydziuszko

Chairperson Goodrich called the regular Parks & Recreation/Village Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2025

Motion by Bayless, second by Ruprich, to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held August 21, 2025 as published.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

None.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER HOSTING JAVA & JAZZ SERIES IN 2026

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, The Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council approves the request for a 2026 Java and Jazz series, to be held on the third Sunday of the month from May to September 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Beverly Park pavilion in an amount not to exceed \$6,700.00. Funds for this event series are available in account #101-693-894.00 (Special Events).

Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER HOSTING MOVIE IN THE PARK IN 2026

Motion by Hausman, second by Goodrich, to table this business agenda item.

Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER HOSTING CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES IN 2026

THESE DRAFT MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council approves the request to continue the 2026 Concert in the Park series at Beverly Park, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. Funds for this event series are available in account #101-693-894.00 (Special Events).

Motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTINUING SCULPTURES IN THE PARK PROGRAM
IN 2026**

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council continue the Sculptures in the Parks program in 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. Funds for this request are available in Account 101-751-949.00 (Parks).

Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTINUING FOOD TRUCK MONDAYS IN 2026

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council continue the Food Truck Monday's event for 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2026 PARKS & RECREATION MEETING SCHEDULE

2026 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Schedule

Unless noted, all meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the
Village Council Chamber
18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

January 15, 2026^

February 19, 2026

March 19, 2026

April 16, 2026

May 21, 2026*

June 18, 2026*

July 16, 2026*

August 20, 2026**

September 17, 2026**

October 15, 2026*

November 19, 2026

^Joint Council and Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

* The Parks & Recreation Board meets at the Beverly Park Pavilion (18801 Beverly Road)
May/October.

** The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Parks & Recreation Board hereby adopts the meeting schedule for calendar year 2026 as listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER WAIVING SALES RESTRICTIONS AT BEVERLY PARK FOR 2026 VILLAGE EVENTS

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the Village Council waive sales restrictions at Beverly Park for Village sponsored events in calendar year 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

2026 VILLAGE SPONSORED EVENTS DATES

The Board discussed and finalized the event schedule for 2026 Village sponsored events:

EVENT	Date
Park Clean Up	May 2 nd & July 13 th
Memorial Day Parade & Carnival	May 25 th
Food Truck Nights	May 4 th – August on Mondays
Concert in the Park (June)	June 5 th
Concert in the Park (July)	July 17 th
Concert in the Park (August)	August 14 th
Movie in the Park	August 20 th
Disc Golf Open House	Table
Halloween Hoot	October 24 th
Java & Jazz Series	Third Sunday from May- September

Motion by Ross, second by Bayless, be it resolved, the Parks & Recreation Board hereby approves the special events schedule set forth above.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

RECAP ART IN THE PARK SLOW ROLL/STROLL

The Board discussed the Art in the Park Slow Roll/Stroll event, which had a turnout of approximately 15 participants. The Board noted that the event was very nice but it ran too long and into darkness, and that not allowing kids and overlapping fall sports may have affected attendance. It was suggested to consider holding the event earlier in the year, similar to the previous June date. The Board discussed being more strategic and creative with advertising in the future.

RECAP MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Board discussed the recent Movie in the Park event, noting that attendance was lower than anticipated. The Board discussed possible factors for the attendance being low which included the timing of the movie while school was in session, limited advertising, and the event's start time. The Board also discussed exploring the use of an LED screen for future movie events to improve visibility and audience experience. Members agreed to consider seeking a grant from the Cable Board and reaching out to them regarding potential sponsorship or partnership opportunities for future park movie events.

HALLOWEEN HOOT

Hausman informed the Board that there are 14 confirmed stations for the Halloween Hoot. The Board discussed purchasing non-chocolate candy to give the trick or treaters a variety of options, treat bags, event lighting, bottlenecking on the trail and collecting candy donations at the Village Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Johnston provided updates on the Save the Trees initiative, handicap parking design, and ongoing buckthorn eradication efforts. Johnston reported that Riverside Park bid is scheduled for the spring. Johnston also noted that contact has been made with the Douglas Evans family regarding nature preserve. Johnston informed the Board that the Village is in the process of appealing the DNR's decision regarding the proposed playground at Beverly Park. Johnston and the Board discussed possible options if the project needs to be re-bid.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Hrydziuszko informed the Board that the second reading of the proposed Animal Ordinance will take place at the October Council meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ruprich informed the Board that she will not be in attendance for the October meeting.

Bayless apologized for missing the August meeting and welcomed O'Gorman and Kreit to the Board. Bayless would like to discuss ways to increase attendance, marketing and hiring a full-time Parks & Recreation Coordinator at the next meeting.

Goodrich reported that a community member had reached out expressing interest in sponsoring a Holiday Tree and Lighting Ceremony at Beverly Park. The Board discussed what such a sponsorship would entail. Goodrich discussed the concept and potential design options for improving the park's gazebo space by removing the existing gazebo to create a larger patio or pergola area with additional seating.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Portals through the parks

Hello! We are a group of undergraduate students studying Fine Arts at Wayne State University. We would like to create 4 different portal sculptures in 4 different parks in Beverly Hills, for a project titled "Portals Through The Parks." Each portal will be a unique experience constructed from unconventional materials, including foam, yarn, and willow branches, that artistically speak to the theme of the portal. The portals will have a QR code attached, that when scanned will reveal an illustration of a different Beverly Hills park. The four portals will be distributed between each of the Beverly Hills parks. These portals would be exciting interactive art pieces erected to spark curiosity and invite park-goers to walk through and take pictures with.

Want to visit the unknown? Will you find them all?

Portal #1: River Portal – Beverly Village Park



The river frame portal is an eight foot, organically shaped sculpture made using an internal welded rebar core padded and then surrounded by spray foam that is carved and painted into the intricate forms of water, which is secured to a concrete septic tank lid on the ground to allow park goers to walk through and around the structure safely. This sculpture will be accompanied by a free-standing metal plaque that displays a QR code.

The plaque will be placed before the frame providing information explaining the project's initial idea and the ability to access the online animation at the core of the project.

Portal #2: Scarf Portal – Riverside Park



The materials that revolve around the scarf portal will be yarn. The yarn will be knitted around pool noodles. The portal will be properly secured and will be placed in the riverside park. This sculpture will be accompanied by a free-standing metal plaque that displays a QR code. The plaque will be placed before the frame providing information explaining the project's initial idea and the ability to access the online animation at the core of the project

Portal #3: Willow Portal – Wendbrook Park



For the willow portal we will be using organic materials. The willow branches will be surrounded around padded foam and rebar core. The portal will be properly secured with a cement anchor and will be placed in the Wendbrook Park. This sculpture will be accompanied by a free-standing metal plaque that displays a QR code. The plaque will be placed before the frame providing information explaining the project's initial idea and the ability to access the online animation at the core of the project

Portal #4: Bike Portal – Fries Park (Beverly Green)



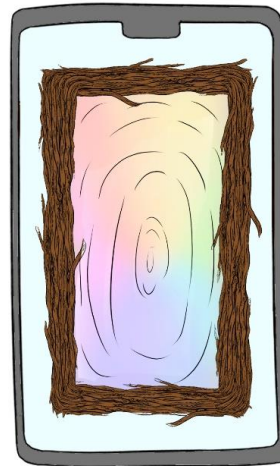
The Bike frame portal is a 7 foot, rectangular sculpture made from the various parts of bikes including wheels and frames supported by an internal welded rebar core placed on a concrete septic tank lid on the ground allowing park goers to walk through and around

the frame structure. This structure will be accompanied by a free-standing metal plaque providing information explaining the goal of the project and the ability to access the online animation at the core of the project.

QR Code Description



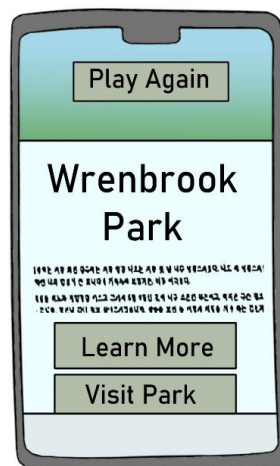
The visitor of one park scans the QR code of the frame at their home park.



This opens a website video of said frame as a digitally animated portal on the viewer's phone. Which zooms into the frame.

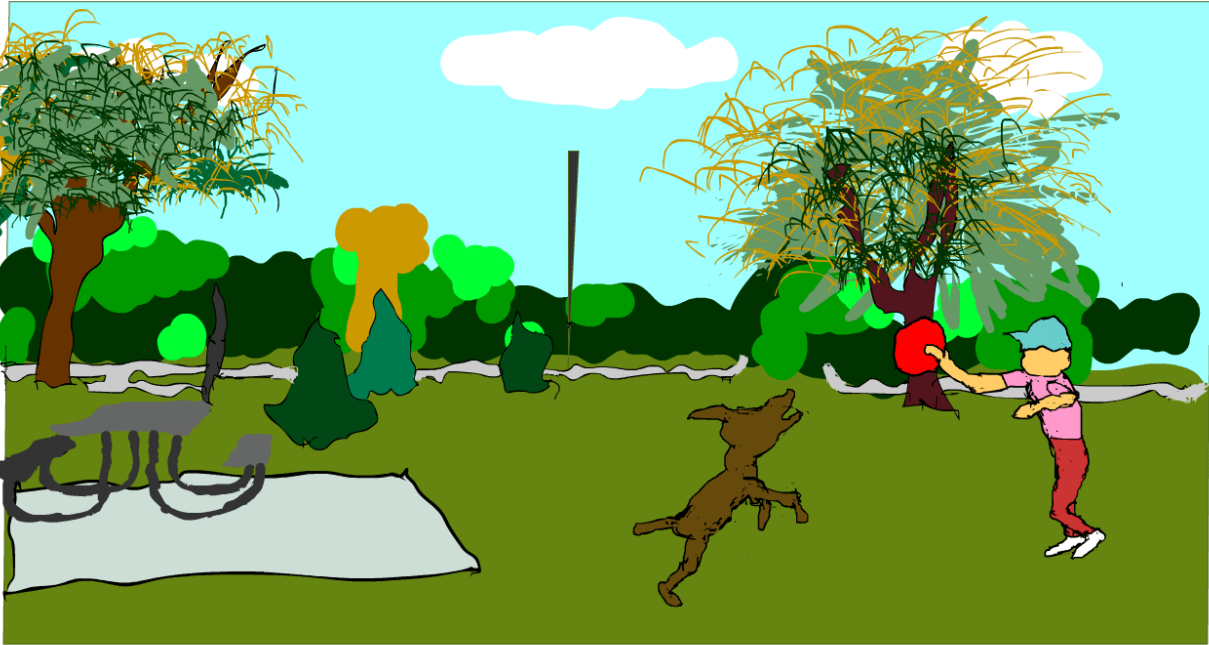


The frame's animated center dissipates into a digitally illustrated scene highlighting the attractions of a different park



After the animation ends, the visitor is shown a page with information on the park they were shown as well as a way to locate the new park.

Illustration for Beverly Park

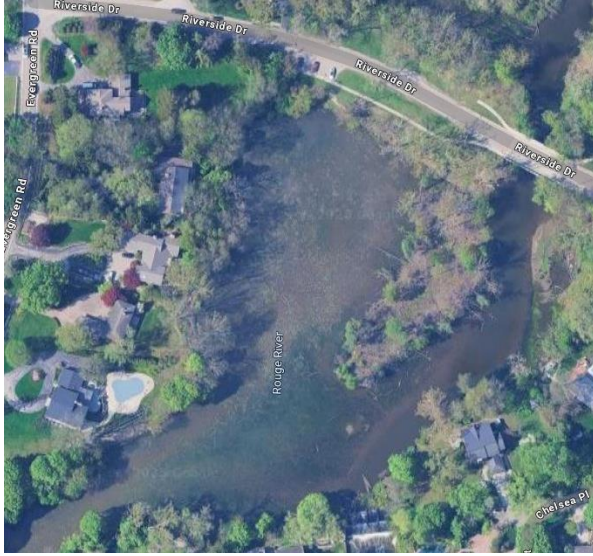


Come Find Comfort

We are excited to have the opportunity to add to your beautiful parks in the Village of Beverly Hills with our work entitled “Come Find Comfort.” Mental health and the efficacy of therapy is our theme. Our presentation will consist of an installation in the Riverside Park peninsula comprised of three pedestal-supported concrete sculptures and two usable sculptural furniture elements. A fourth pedestal will provide a platform for project signage and introduce the work.

Our sculptures will be figurative characters, to which we have given the name “*Emotionals*.” *Emotionals* represent different emotional and psychic states that warrant therapeutic intervention – such as a broken heart, depression, or grief. The useable furniture elements will be one chair positioned next to a traditional therapist’s couch. Both will be constructed in lumber suitable for the outdoors, and they will be surrounded by a ring of rocks placed to demarcate this central space.

As the public approaches this powerful work of art made of wood and concrete, they will move between the “*Emotionals*.” They may choose to come to rest in the central, therapeutic space overlooking the pond by Riverside Dr. With this installation, we hope people will be able to connect with themselves, with others, and with nature while creating a sense of inner peace and harmony that they can take with them.



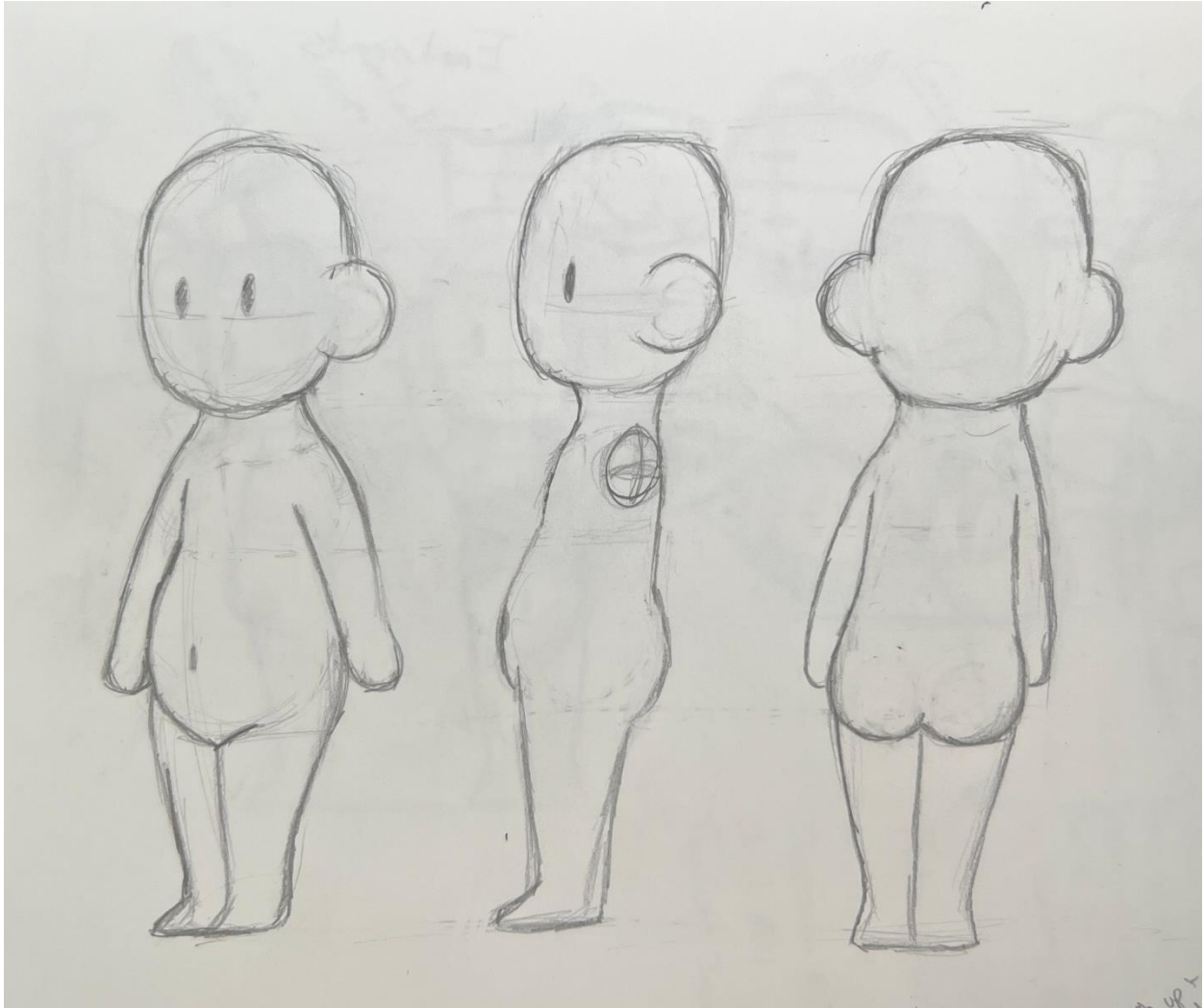
We propose using a clear area of the peninsula pictured above. All sculptural elements will be placed close enough together so that a viewer can easily move from one to the next. Final installation will be determined on sight.

We envision that from the installation of "*Come Find Comfort*," visitors will easily look out across the pond. This location is ideal for our work, as it can contribute to the sense of peace we

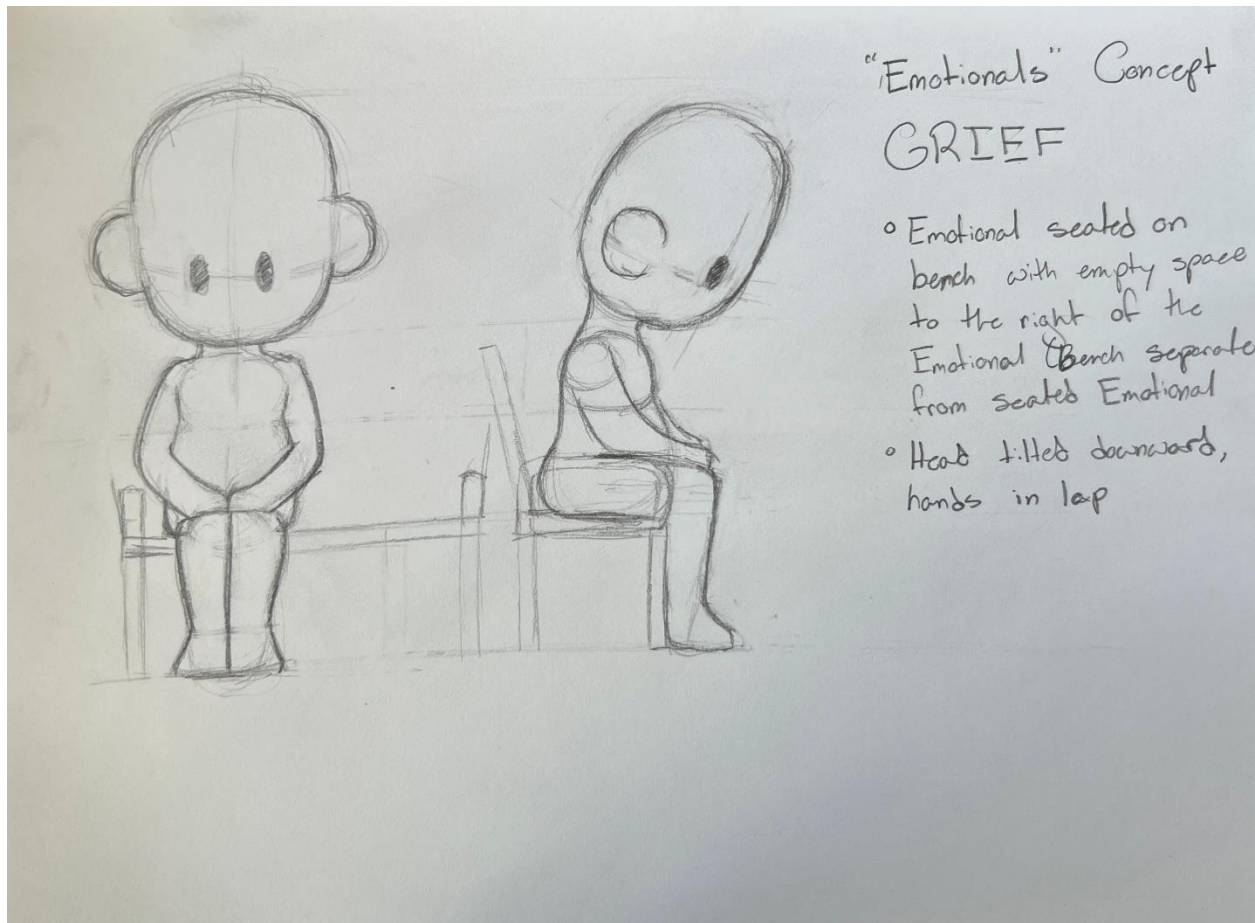


wish to inspire.

At the beginning there will be a sign on a pedestal with an introduction to the piece and the Emotionals that will help guide visitors. An Emotional is a sensitive humanoid creature, it takes the form of the feeling it represents. The assumption is that the viewer will read into the description just enough to have their own experience.



The path leading to the center shelter represents the labyrinth of one's life. Along the path there will be Emotionals representing mental struggles that are reasons to seek therapy.



The Emotionals will be small painted cement sculptures on pedestals, approximately 12 to 18 inches in height. The reasons represented are grief, depression/sadness, and a broken heart. As viewers read the description, they will see the first Emotional on its pedestal.



This allows the viewer to interpret the sculpture for themselves. For example, a broken heart can mean the end of a romantic relationship, the loss of a parent, or a betrayal. The viewer should see what most closely represents themselves. As the viewer looks at the first Emotional they will see the next in the distance. As they follow the path, the Emotionals guide the viewer in a spiral path towards the center.



At the center they will “find comfort.” An omega shape made of rocks on the ground will represent shelter and safety. There will be a wooden chaise longue representing Sigmund Freud’s chair for his patients. A wooden standard sitting chair representing where the therapist would sit. The chairs will allow the viewer to sit and enjoy the peace and comfort of the Rouge River.





PARKS & RECREATION



HALLOWEEN HOOT!

Saturday October 25, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

Beverly Park

18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Wear a costume and bring a flashlight for trick-or-treating
around the friendly Halloween Hoot trail!





**JOIN US IN MAKING THIS YEAR'S HALLOWEEN HOOT
A SWEET SUCCESS BY DONATING UNOPENED BAGS OF
CANDY!**

Drop off your candy at:
Village of Beverly Hills Office
18500 W. 13 Mile Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Donations will be gratefully accepted now through October 24th until 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for your generosity, for being a part of our community and for helping us make this Halloween Hoot unforgettable!

