

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

President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziusko, Mercer and O’Gorman

Absent: Kecskemeti,

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe  
Village Clerk, Brown

Chairperson Goodrich called the regular Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Beverly Park Pavilion located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Hausman, second by Ross, to add Mobile Recreation Units for the Memorial Day Carnival to the Business Agenda and to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Maxwell, Lauderdale, requested an update on the Beverly Green improvements and Beverly Park playground equipment, clarification on the reporting structure and funding source of the proposed Parks & Recreation Coordinator position. Maxwell also commented that the Parks & Recreation Board meetings should be recorded or broadcast to improve transparency for residents.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF A REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Motion by Ruprich, second by Borgon, to move the Board Comment “*and inquired whether the Village can get bonds for park projects*” from under Hausman to Bresnahan and to approve the minutes of the regular Parks & Recreation Board meeting held November 20, 2025 as amended.

Motion passed.

#### **MOBILE RECREATION UNITS FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY CARNIVAL**

The Board reviewed Oakland County’s rental mobile unit options for the Memorial Day Carnival. The Board decided to move forward with a climbing wall and two mobile units consisting of inflatable bouncer, slide and obstacle course.

#### **PHASES FOR WENDBROOK**

Parks & Recreation Board, Village Council and Rothe discussed initial planning steps for Wendbrook Park including project phasing, professional consulting support, community engagement, safety considerations, and integration into the Village’s Five-Year Parks Plan to ensure future grant eligibility.

### **UPDATE 5-YEAR PLAN**

The Board discussed updating the Five Year Plan to include Wendbrook Park and the benefits of hiring professional consultants. Ross will contact SmithGroup, a firm that the Board has successfully worked with in the past.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COORDINATOR**

Bayless gave an overview of the potential creation of a position, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, to support growing park operations, projects, and programming. The Board, Rothe and Council discussed operational factors such as long-term funding for the position, full time vs part time, and work load and responsibilities.

### **REVIEW & UPDATE PARKS GOALS**

The Board reviewed progress on 2025 goals and discussed updates for 2026. The Board, Rothe and Council discussed a lantern walk, chalk fest, yoga in the park, facility updates, increasing community engagement through public input and improving communication and marketing.

### **PLAYGROUND INSTALL UPDATE**

Rothe gave an overview of the delayed Beverly Park playground project. The Board, Council and Rothe discussed timelines, costs, grant requirements and the Village's options moving forward. The Board supported moving forward with rebidding the installation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dale Young, Riverside, expressed concern about Riverside Park spending until the lily pad and dam issues are fixed and the Village-owned boarded up house. Young cited that the boarded-up house is a poor gateway to the community and urged more urgency and a clear plan to address the property.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, noted strong event attendance at the ballpark and urged prioritizing ballpark and playground improvements.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Brown informed the Board that residents can rent the pavilion starting on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and she will be out for the February Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

O'Gorman inquired about the playground equipment at Beverly Park and expressed appreciation to the Board and welcomed new Board members. O'Gorman stated that Wendbrook is a long-term project similar to Beverly Park's gradual development and the house at Wendbrook is an asset to the residents.

Hrydziuszko expressed appreciation for the Parks & Recreation Board and shared enthusiasm for future programming and making this the year the Beverly Park playground project is completed.

George noted that the Village remains a top destination for families and thanked the Board for their continued hard work and programming. George expressed excitement for future Wendbrook Park development planning, and continued planning for projects like the ballfields at Beverly Park.

Drummond thanked the Board for their time, effort and volunteer work supporting events throughout the year and expressed appreciation for the Board's positive impact on the community.

Abboud wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Board for their service and continued progress. Abboud commented on speaking to the Cable Board on the Boards behalf.

Mercer thanked the Board for their exceptional time, effort, and dedication. Mercer expressed appreciation for the Boards' long-standing commitment and passion for serving the community.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Ruprich expressed appreciation for the Council's support regarding the playground project and for supporting the community's hopes and wishes.

Bayless thanked Council and Village Manager for their support and engagement. Bayless emphasized the importance of community outreach and recommended developing a strategic plan to improve communication and resident participation.

Hausman thanked Council and Warren for their support in advancing the playground project and expressed excitement for its completion. Hausman informed everyone that the QR codes for the Wayne State Sculpture Project portals is in the process of being corrected and submissions for Sculptures in the Parks are due on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bresnahan thanked the Council for their continued support and expressed enthusiasm for future projects.

Borgon thanked Council for their support. Borgon stated on her reappointment application, in 2023 to the Parks & Recreation Board, that she wanted to see the Beverly Park playground completed and with her appointment up in June, the timeline is becoming tight.

Kreit introduced herself and shared her background and thanked the Board for their support.

O'Gorman asked did Birmingham own the LED screen they use for their movie events and would it be feasible to purchase a LED screen with a neighboring community or get a grant from BACB.

Ross thanked Council and the Board members for their participation. Ross noted that it had been a great year and expressed looking forward to another year of positive work.

Goodrich thanked the attendees and noted that this was his 10<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with Council. Goodrich noted some items the Board will address this year including communication/marketing strategies, pavilion fees, and solar installation at the park. Goodrich discussed the possibility of having the Winter Family Fun Day pop up on Saturday or Sunday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**