

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19,
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Present: Chairperson Goodrich; Vice Chairperson Ross; Members Bayless, Kreit, O’Gorman and Ruprich

Absent: Secretary Bresnahan; Borgon, Hausman and O’Gorman

Also Present: Public Service Director, Johnston
Council Liaison, Hrydziusko

Chairperson Goodrich called the regular Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Beverly Hill Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JOINT VILLAGE COUNCIL/ PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 15, 2026

Motion by Ross, second by Kreit, to approve the minutes of the joint Village Council/ Parks & Recreation Board meeting held January 15, 2026 as submitted.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike White inquired about getting a memorial bench for Jim Nawara.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE PAVILION RENTAL FEE FOR THE ANNUAL 6TH SCHOOLS OFFER SUPPORT (SOS) 5K

Motion by Bayless, second by Ross, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council approve the request from Schools Offer Support to hold a 5K Run/1 Mile race on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event will begin and end at the Beverly Park pavilion and they will utilize Village streets and sidewalks for the run. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived for this event provided that a \$250 refundable damage deposit and Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk’s Office prior to the event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE PAVILION RENTAL FEE FOR THE ANNUAL ITP-PUMP IT UP FOR PLATLET WALK

Motion by Bayless, second by Kreit, the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Village Council approve the request from the Platelet Disorder Support Association to hold

the ITP 5K at Beverly Park on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and waive the pavilion rental fees during that time provided that a \$250 refundable damage deposit and Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk's office prior to the event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE PAVILION RENTAL FEE FOR THE BERKSHIRE PROUD DAD CLUB'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Motion by Bayless, second by Kreit, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council approves the request from Berkshire Proud Dads Club to hold a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived for this event provided that a \$250 refundable damage deposit, and a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk's Office prior to the event. Furthermore, it is also recommended that Council waive the sales restrictions (Municipal Code Section 28-22 Amusement for Gain) for this event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE PAVILION RENTAL FEE FOR THE BEVERLY HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY CELEBRATION

Motion by Bayless, second by Kreit, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council approve the request from the Beverly Hills Little League to host the BHLL Opening Day celebration at Beverly Park on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is recommended that fees for use of the pavilion be waived for this event provided that a \$250.00 returnable damage deposit and a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of Beverly Hills as an additional insured is submitted to the Clerk's Office prior to the event.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE SMITHGROUP'S WENDBROOK MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

Ross stated that during the joint meeting with Council it was agreed that a professional planning consultant should assist with development of the Wendbrook property and the Village worked with The SmithGroup on the Beverly Park Plan with positive results.

Motion by Ross, second by Ruprich, the Parks and Recreation Board accepts the proposal from the SmithGroup and recommends the Village Council approves the proposal from the SmithGroup for development of a plan for the Wendbrook property.

Motion passed.

APPROVE RYAN BILLS TRIO AS ARTIST FOR JAVA & JAZZ SERIES

Motion by Bayless, second by Ruprich, the Parks and Recreation Board approve the Ryan Bills Trio to perform at the five 2026 Java and Jazz concerts, to be held every third Sunday from May through September, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Beverly Park Pavilion, at a rate of \$1,000 per concert, for a total cost of \$5,000, with funding allocated in accordance with the Village Council's October 21 authorization and the adopted Village budget.

Motion passed.

ASSIGN A COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Goodrich opened the floor for nominations for Communications Chair Kreit, with support from Ruprich, nominated Bayless. There were no other nominations.

Bayless was elected to serve as Communications Chair unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Board discussed potential artists for the Concerts in the Park, staging and trying dessert trucks instead of a full food truck for some events. Brown will bring a full list of band options for the Board at the next meeting, and the Board will review promotional material before final selection.

B. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/CARNIVAL/CEREMONY

Goodrich shared updates received from Hausman via email regarding Memorial Day including RAPP grant approval for mobile units, parade participation and sponsorship letters. The Board discussed encouraging parade participants to keep the focus on the holiday's meaning, adding special recognition to the event like a military flyover or additional flags and the sound system during the ceremony.

Goodrich informed the Board that the Village received a \$250,000 grant from Congresswoman Tlaib.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Jones, Beverly Road, expressed support for adding public memorial features in the park and requested consideration of a memorial for a longtime resident that contributed to landscape and design work in the community. Jones also suggested that the fly traps at Beverly Park be updated and sponsorship letters be sent out earlier.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Johnston provided additional information on the grant received from Congresswoman Tlaib's office for Beverly Green improvements. Johnston informed the Board that the Beverly Park playscape project is being finalized for bid pending Michigan DNR approval and Riverside Phase

2 is currently out to bid. The Board selected dark green as the color of the benches and trash receptacles for Riverside. Johnston provided updates on future projects which included the Beverly Park fence replacement, Wendbrook concept design, Ertz Dam Feasibility Study and ongoing maintenance and seasonal park work.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Hrydziusko reported attending a recent meeting regarding the Ertz Dam Feasibility Study. Hrydziusko stated that the study will not make recommendations but will provide data for Council to consider, including impacts of repair, removal or replacement as well as dredging requirements, environmental conditions and potential costs to homeowners.

BOARD COMMENTS

Kreit informed Johnston and the Board about the damaged gate at Beverly Park and the down sign at Pierce.

Ross submitted a tree grant application to the Arbor Day Foundation.

Goodrich read comments received from Hausman stating that the portals will remain installed longer, possibly until warmer temperatures, the Lions Club will sponsor the refreshments for Java and Jazz and a sponsorship letter was sent out to Jim Shaffer and Associates regarding sponsoring the Concerts in the Park again. Goodrich also read Hausman's report that stated that 24 Sculptures in the Park submissions were received and recommendations will be presented at the next meeting. Goodrich stated that the holiday lights at the park will be coming down next month.

ADJOURNMENT

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