

# Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan

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## Introduction

The Village of Beverly Hills is pleased to present an updated five-year community recreation plan. The Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board, Village Council, Administration, and residents have prepared a plan focused on the five current recreation spaces in the Village: Beverly Park, Riverside Park, Beverly Green, Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, and Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve. This five-year plan sets forth many goals to improve the recreational opportunities in Beverly Park and Riverside Park, develop Beverly Green, and possibly acquire new public park land. The parks have been improved through the hard work and dedication of countless residents, volunteers, elected officials, and Village staff. By continuing to improve the parks, they will remain both beautiful and highly functional throughout the next five years for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Furthermore, this five-year plan acknowledges changes made since the publication of the previous plan and anticipates developments that are expected over the next five years. Since the prior plan was published, one additional space, Beverly Green, was designated as a Village park. During the 2023 – 2028 time period, potential new developments include new pathways along major roads throughout the Village, and the potential addition of a new Village park along the Rouge River on Wendbrook Lane. Moreover, the Village has added a Sculptures in the Parks Program which will continue to grow.

This plan includes a comprehensive community recreation inventory, discussion of community events, and improvement plans for public areas. Public engagement is the cornerstone of any successful plan and was influential in developing this plan, using the input of residents through surveys, public meetings, and commentary on the drafts.

# **Community Description**

The Village of Beverly Hills is located in Oakland County, Michigan, covering an area slightly over 4 square miles with a population of 10,584, according to the 2020 Census. Beverly Hills is primarily a residential community with little commercial and no industrial zoning.

Beverly Hills has the largest population of any home-rule Village in Michigan, similar to or exceeding that of about half the cities in Oakland County. Located within Southfield Township, Beverly Hills is bordered by several communities including the cities of Royal Oak, Birmingham, and Southfield, the Village of Bingham Farms, and Bloomfield Township. Per the 2020 Census, the population in Beverly Hills is 53.8% female and 46.2% male with 54.5% of the population between the ages of 18 and 64, 21.9% under the age of 18, and 23.6% aged 65 and older.

Education levels in Beverly Hills exceed both County and State averages with 98.5% of the population over 25 years old attaining a High School diploma and 74.5% holding a college degree. Along with higher education levels, the median household income of \$129,196 in 2020 is significantly higher than the Oakland County median income of \$81,587 the same year.

Incorporated in 1958, Beverly Hills has enjoyed over 60 years of high-quality neighborhoods, infrastructure, natural areas, and schools as well as accessible employment and shopping centers. Preserving the ideal residential environment has been a goal of the residents since before incorporation. Providing numerous active and passive recreational services is one part of achieving ideal residential living and an overall better quality of life for residents.

Recreation in Beverly Hills is comprised of public, quasi-public, and private facilities. The primary public recreation site is Beverly Park, a 34.7-acre park located on the south side of Beverly Road, west of Southfield Road. Beverly Road is the primary vehicular and pedestrian access route. Pedestrians may also access the park from the south side and along Allerton Road to the east. Other areas of public recreation include Riverside Park and Beverly Green, plus two nature preserves: Douglas Evans and Hidden Rivers. The nature preserves have deed restrictions which restrict their use. At the time that this plan was adopted, acquisition of an additional 8.32-acre property along the Rouge River on Wendbrook Lane was pending. The acquisition was conditional upon approval of a grant request from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This plan may need to be updated to include development and use of this additional property if the grant is awarded.

Beverly Hills is part of the Birmingham School District and home to Wylie E. Groves High School, Berkshire Middle School, Beverly Elementary School, and Greenfield Elementary School. The school locations in the Village offer recreation to students and summer programs provide community-wide recreation. Most outdoor facilities are available free of charge and there are programmed activities which often have a nominal participant fee. There are a variety of indoor recreation programs available through the school district for all age groups, such as swimming, computers, and arts and crafts. These community education programs are frequently available to residents and non-residents and are scheduled through the Birmingham Public Schools' Community Education Program.

Quasi-public recreation refers to the recreational activities at private schools located within the Village that are generally only available for student or parishioner use. There is one parochial school and two private schools located within the Village. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church property contains facilities only available to parish members. Detroit Country Day School's facilities are not typically available to the general public. Beverly Hills Academy's grounds are primarily utilized by students.

Private recreation facilities refer to those member-based facilities that often require user-fees for access to the facilities. There are several athletic clubs within the Village, whose members have access to swimming pools, basketball courts, tennis courts and sand volleyball as well as organized activities for youth and adults. Other private recreation activities include sports leagues, such as Little League, CYO Basketball, and Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer, which are sustained by participant funding.

The private Birmingham Country Club, located in Bloomfield Township, is directly adjacent to Beverly Hills, just north of the residential neighborhood along Saxon Drive. Further, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, a City of Birmingham public course, is located adjacent to the residential neighborhood surrounding 14 Mile and Evergreen Roads.

Recreation specifically geared toward senior citizens can be found through Beverly Hills' partnership with Birmingham Next. Next is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves the 50+ community members in Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, and Franklin. Next receives annual contributions from municipalities and other sponsors. Additionally, the organization requires membership dues for individuals or families to participate in the myriad of activities offered such as physical fitness, health and wellness, creative arts, cards and games, speakers, socialization, computer classes, and travel.

### **Administrative Structure**

Beverly Hills operates under the Manager/Council form of government. The Village Manager oversees all day-to-day operations of the Village. The Village Council's seven members are elected to four-year terms and appoint the members of the Parks and Recreation Board to serve as an advisory group.

### Parks and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Committee was established in 1981 to act as an advisory group to the Village Council under 1917 PA 156. In 1983 they became known as the Parks and Recreation Board and remain responsible for evaluating and recommending recreation programs, reviewing, and commenting on major improvements, recommending park functions and usage, seeking and recommending additional funding or donations, and recommending long-range plans for park development. Members of the Board also serve as the lead volunteers in planning and organizing the many events held throughout the year in Beverly Park, including the Halloween Hoot, the Memorial Parade and Carnival, Summer Concerts, Java and Jazz, Movie Nights, Read in the Park, and the Winter Family Fun Day. Members of the Board also plan community tree plantings, park clean-ups, art displays, and neighborhood bike rides. The Board meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and is comprised of the following members:

Molly Borgon, Chairperson
Matthew Goodrich, Vice-Chairperson
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### **Administration**

Per the Village Municipal Code, the Village Manager is the Park Superintendent and is responsible for enforcing all ordinances, rules, and regulations in relation to the parks. The Assistant Village Manager/Village Clerk is the administrative liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board. The Public Services Department oversees park maintenance as well as maintenance of streets, solid waste collection and disposal, sewer and water-main maintenance, and removal of village-owned trees. Comeau Equipment is a private company contracted by the Village of Beverly Hills to perform public works activities including park maintenance. The Village also employs several seasonal part-time park attendants to further assist in park maintenance. There is one seasonal park opener who is responsible for opening and closing Beverly Park pavilion reservations. The Public Safety Department assists with monitoring the parks as well. The Village Council is the

governing body that authorizes funds for parks and recreation activities along with accepting grants and purchasing land on behalf of the Village. A complete organizational chart is available in **Appendix A**.

### **Annual Budget**

Parks and recreation budgets are established by the Village Council using recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Board for maintenance and capital improvements. The budget for 2022/23 includes general maintenance funds in addition to funds for a variety of annual events including: Special Events (Movie in the Park, Memorial Day Carnival, Winter Family Fund Day, Concerts in the Park, Rouge River clean-up, and nature preserve management) and Halloween Hoot fund. The Capital Projects fund includes park equipment improvements and general recreation donations.

### Parks Improvement Millage

A dedicated park improvement millage of 0.32 mills was passed by the voters in 2020. Funds from that millage will generate revenues from 2021 to 2031, which includes the entire five-year period of this Plan. The millage will provide revenues for both park improvements and needed repairs and replacement of existing buildings and equipment.

### **Current Funding Sources**

The Village of Beverly Hills is unique in that a majority of the tax funding is supported by village residents. The community has no industrial zoning and minimal commercial zoning, limiting the business tax base.

### General Fund

General tax revenues are transferred from the General Fund and support the maintenance, utilities, and community recreation events. Beverly Hills collects 13.6735 mills, of which 1.8152 are for the general fund. Other revenues come from donations, sponsorships, user fees, event revenues, and grants.

General fund expenses include park maintenance and utilities, Rouge River maintenance, and special events. Special events include: Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, Winter Family Fun Day, Park Clean Up, Community Tree Plantings, Movie in the Park, Read in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Java and Jazz, Art Installations, Halloween Hoot, and preservation management.

### **Capital Projects**

The Parks Improvement millage provides the basis for proposed Capital Projects throughout the five-year window of this plan. In 2021-2022, the Village used capital projects funding on the Beverly Park Pathway Improvement Project. This

project consisted of regrading and refilling the gravel path as well as updating the drainage system along the path.

Other prominent projects within the Plan include:

- Replacement of the Play Structure in Beverly Park
- Landscaping and improvements at Beverly Green and Riverside Park
- (Potential) landscaping, parking, and improvements on the Wendbrook property
- Renovation of the Beverly Park Pavilion and restrooms
- Continued tree planting and invasive Buckthorn eradication and control
- Ongoing improvements and updates to facilities in the Village parks

A survey of Village residents, discussed later in this Plan, identified an extensive "wish list" of additional capital improvements. Current millage funding will not support all of the items suggested, so this Plan recommends funding priorities and suggests potential additional sources of funding.

### **Donations and user fees**

Donations function as an important source of funding for projects and maintenance of Beverly Hills recreation. Donations come from private residents and business sponsorship of events. Residents typically make 'general' donations to a park, but some dedicate funds for a particular purchase, such as a bench or tree. Business sponsorship of events allows many events to take place every year and occasionally produces revenue for the event's future occurrence. The Parks & Recreation Board has been more proactive in seeking donations over the past three years with the creation and advertisement of the Tree Donation Fund form and a Special Event Sponsorship form. The Buy-a-Brick fundraising program offers individuals or businesses the opportunity to purchase a brick, engraved to their liking, for installation by the flagpole near the Beverly Park pavilion. Proceeds from brick sales support park improvements.

The Village of Beverly Hills collects fees for pavilion rentals and commercial film shooting on park property. Portions of the rental fees and all of the commercial filming fees are deposited back into the general park fund for maintenance and repairs.

### Grants

Beverly Hills has received two grants through the DNR for recreation; in 1973 for a pavilion, restroom, tot lot, croquet area, picnic area, and park equipment at Beverly Park and in 2000 for playground equipment, pedestrian safety entrance, perimeter fence, and parking lot improvements at Beverly Park. The Village has partnered with other municipalities to receive grant funding for improvements at Riverside Park and the Rouge River corridor. Grants for other projects, such as tree

planting grants from the DTE Energy Foundation and Michigan Arbor Day Alliance, have been received. In 2021the Village received a \$15,000 matching grant from the Oakland County Invasive Species Management Area for woody invasive species removal at Beverly Park and Riverside Park. Administration actively seeks grant opportunities to assist in funding improvements to the recreation system.

A Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant was applied for in 2022 for the acquisition of an 8.32-acre parcel along the Rouge River on Wendbrook Lane. The parcel includes a vacant home. The request was for a \$1.5 million grant, to match a \$500,000 donation by the White family, residents who purchased the property with the intent to preserve the space as a Village park. Preliminary scoring of the grant request was provided in September 2022, with a final decision expected in December. If this grant is awarded, it would allow for a significant addition to the recreational facilities in the Village, particularly to the portions of the Village that lie furthest away from existing parks. It is hoped that this property can become a substantial new recreational resource for the residents of Beverly Hills.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers serve an invaluable role in the Village, especially for Parks and Recreation activities. The Parks and Recreation Board itself is composed of volunteers who serve 3-year terms. Members of the Board serve as lead volunteers and organizers for a full calendar of activities, which are supported by additional volunteers from the community. Village-sponsored events would not be possible without extensive participation by volunteers, as the Village does not have dedicated Parks and Recreation staff. The pop-up Winter Family Fun Day in January serves as an example, celebrating winter recreation opportunities like sledding and ice skating. Volunteers not only serve to supervise activities, but they provide hot chocolate, donuts, and coffee to participants who are enjoying the winter activities. Throughout the year, many activities, such as the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, Movie in the Park, and the Halloween Hoot rely heavily on volunteers assisting with supervision of activities, donating supplies, and providing their time and talent.

### **Communications**

The Parks & Recreation Board and Administration have been working to improve communications about park related projects and events over the last several years. In 2019, the Board and Council adopted a Parks & Recreation logo which helps the Village's branding efforts. The logo is included on parks event flyers and other communications. It can be viewed in this plan in **Appendix I**. Park events are publicized on the Village website, Village Facebook page, annual Village calendar, quarterly paper newsletter, and in the weekly email blast. The number of subscribers of the weekly email has almost doubled since the last 5-year plan

was drafted (from 1,800 to 3,300) and continues to grow each month. Special events and announcements of programs are also shared on the local community television bulletin board and local newspaper.

### Relationships with other entities

The Parks and Recreation Board and administrative staff have a working relationship with the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham Public School District, Birmingham Next (senior center), Beverly Hills Lions Club, Boy & Girl Scout programs, and the Beverly Hills Little League. These partnerships work to benefit residents of the area who use these programs by pooling resources and reducing duplication of programs geared toward the same users.

# **Recreation Inventory**

### Method of Conducting Inventory

The foundation of a quality recreation plan is a thorough inventory and analysis to determine the base for improvement. Using a combination of site visits and available documentation, the Parks and Recreation Board compiled the inventory of recreation facilities.

The Village manages 70.9 acres of open space; 37.9 acres are classified as park land utilizing both active and passive recreation. 33 acres are classified as conservancy and were deeded to the Village with use restrictions. These spaces have limited recreational opportunities but serve as valuable nature preserves in an urban area. In the previous 5-year plan, data from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) suggested a community maintain 6.25 to 10.5 acres of close-to-home parkland for each 1,000 residents. Newer guidelines from the NRPA were not available for this Plan, so the previous guidelines have been applied for this assessment. Based on projections made by Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and NRPA guidelines the following park land requirements are identified in the table below:

Year	<b>Population</b>	Local Park Requirements	Deficit
2020	10,584	66.15 to 111.13 acres	0-40.23 acres
2045	10,025	62.66 to 105.26 acres	0-34.36 acres

Beverly Hills has experienced a slight population decline since its peak in the 1970s. SEMCOG predictions show the population through 2030 will continue to slightly decline, after which the population is predicted to see minor growth. At this time park space appears adequate for the population. However, since approximately half of the parkland can only be used for passive recreation, Village residents would benefit from additional space. The Wendbrook property would be a significant improvement, especially for residents who live in the western parts of the Village. Further expansion of pedestrian and bicycle-friendly pathways along major roads through the Village would also be helpful in providing more convenient and safe access for all Village residents. A sidewalk is being installed along 14 Mile Road in 2022. A similar route along 13 Mile and along Evergreen would greatly improve usability of Village parkland.

### **Accessibility Assessment**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires parks and recreation facilities to have barrier-free accessibility. In accordance with the Michigan Department

of Natural Resources standards, the inventory of park facilities includes accessibility ratings based on the following evaluation system:

- Level 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Level 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Level 3: Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- Level 4: The entire park area meets accessibility guidelines
- Level 5: The entire park area was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Following is a detailed inventory of the specific park areas and recommendations for each park. General recommendations for the system as a whole are available in the Goals and Objectives section of the Action Plan. Maps of the entire Village and the individual parks can be found in **Appendix B**.

### **Beverly Park**

Location: 18801 Beverly Road

Service Area: Village and surrounding communities

Size: 34 acres
Current Status: Developed

Classification: Park Accessibility: 3

Amenities:

- Adult exercise equipment
- Art displays
- Basketball court
- Bike path
- Bike repair station
- Chess/checkers table
- Disc golf course
- Gazebo
- Horseshoes
- Ice skating
- Large pond
- Little Free Libraries
- Tennis and pickleball courts (2)
- Softball and baseball fields (2)
- Sand volleyball court
- Nature study
- Pavilion with restrooms
- Picnic areas/benches

- Ping pong
- Playground
- Sledding
- Storybook Trail
- Walking/running trails

Major Village events held on-site include:

- Winter Family Fun Day
- Memorial Day Carnival & Ceremony
- Movie in the Park
- Halloween Hoot
- Read in the Park
- Concerts in the Park
- Java and Jazz
- Birmingham Public Schools Art Fair (biennially)
- Sculptures in the Parks
- Tree decorating

### **Description and Assessment**

Beverly Park is the largest park in the Village and is the main source of outdoor recreation opportunities. The park boasts a variety of recreation options including a sled hill, sand volleyball court, basketball court, wooded natural areas with wood chipped trail, playground equipment for children, two baseball fields, adult exercise equipment, two tennis courts (with pickleball lines), ping pong table, chess table, and a pavilion area with restrooms.

Most community events in the Village take place in Beverly Park due to its size, beauty, available parking, and central location. The park is host to annual community events organized by the Village and volunteers, such as Winter Family Fun Day, Movie in the Park, and the Halloween Hoot. Weddings took place in 2017 and 2021 at Beverly Park utilizing the natural beauty and the updated facilities.

### **Wooded Area and Passive Recreation**

From time to time the wooded area has been studied by ecologists, engineers, and students. In 1996, Richard A. Wolinski, an ecologist from Applied Science & Technology, Inc., inspected the area and noted that "The species composition of the flooded portion of the woods represents a wooded wetland dominated by trees which are adapted to wet conditions. . . It should also be noted that soils underlying the site are listed as hydric (wetland) soils according to the soil survey of Oakland County."

In late 1996, the Village Engineering Firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., was asked to determine if the park could be better drained. With respect to the wooded area, the engineer noted that "Any construction of swales, storm sewers, or other drainage systems within this area would be very destructive to the composition of the park. Trees would have to be removed, land cleared, and other vegetation damaged."

The wooded area is not a state-regulated wetland area. Nevertheless, previous studies are consistent with each other in their conclusions that the area serves a valuable ecological function. To drain it would be difficult because of the flat topography, the nature of the soils, and other engineering considerations; and draining the wetland would disrupt the ecological balance and result in loss of trees and animal species that occupy the area.

In October 2017, Cardno, a professional infrastructure and environmental services company located in West Olive, Michigan, conducted a survey and determined that the majority of plant material in the wooded area was buckthorn, an invasive species. Cardno's expertise is development and improvement of physical and social infrastructure for communities. Following this assessment, the Parks & Recreation Board has recommended two large buckthorn eradication projects. The first being completed between March 2019 and July 2020 and the most recent being completed between March 2021 through July 2022. In August 2022 the Board recommended that the Council approve an agreement with GEI Consultants of Michigan for ongoing maintenance over the next two growing seasons. The Board expects that continued maintenance to control the buckthorn regrowth will be necessary for several years, but with proactive management, the need for cut-stump and foliar treatments will decline over time.

A pond covering about half an acre exists on the east side of the wooded wetland, approximately in the center of the park. In 2002 the pond was dredged achieving greater aesthetic appeal and significant improvement in water quality.

Near the pond and wooded area there is a wood gazebo. Throughout the park there are benches for passive nature observation and wood chip paths through the wooded area of the park accommodate enjoyable walks in the natural areas.

In 2017, a new feature was installed called the Storybook Trail. Installed on 18 posts with a two-page layout on each post, a different children's book is displayed each month in coordination with Baldwin Public Library. Visitors, young and old, can read the story as they walk through the beautiful wooded trail.

### **Active Recreation Facilities**

A pavilion area and playground facilities are located on the north side of the park, occupying about 1.75 acres (5.1% of the total area). In 2005 the pavilion was completely renovated using funds from a dedicated millage. This renovation drastically improved the quality of the pavilion and restrooms at Beverly Park, which will be enjoyed for years to come. The pavilion is very popular through the spring, summer, and fall for both resident and non-resident usage. The pavilion is open to the public but can also be reserved for a nominal fee which guarantees exclusive usage for a requested period of time. The pavilion is reserved for a variety of events including graduation parties, birthday parties, family reunions, weddings, and business picnics. A sprinkler system was installed to ensure aesthetic quality of plantings surrounding the pavilion area and a private landscape contractor provides weeding, trimming and beautification four times per year from spring through fall at specific areas near the park entrance and pavilion. In 2015, 14 new composite picnic tables were purchased for the pavilion area and in 2022, the pavilion fireplace was rebuilt. A grant was recently received in 2022 from the Birmingham Area Cable Board to provide WiFi access to the pavilion, further enhancing its usability.

The playground equipment includes swings, slides, large and small play structures, and a sandbox. Benches are located nearby for comfortable supervision of activities. A Little Free Library is conveniently located near the playground equipment with reading materials available for adults and children. The playground equipment was upgraded in 2002 and the safety ground was completely stripped and replaced in 2015. The equipment has been well maintained allowing use for many years. Several pieces of the large and small play structure were replaced in 2016. Manufacturers recommendations for maintenance and life of equipment are followed routinely for long term use and safety.

An outdoor chess table was installed near the pavilion in 2017. This beautiful table is made of granite and has two stools for gamers to enjoy chess or checkers. In 2015, six double trash/recycling receptacles were purchased and placed throughout the park to encourage proper disposal of waste.

Other active recreation facilities are located on the east side of the park, along Allerton Drive. Tennis/Pickleball, sand volleyball, and basketball courts are located adjacent to and south of the parking lot. In 2017, an outdoor ping pong table was installed in the same vicinity. These facilities occupy just over an acre. Tennis court resurfacing was completed in 2008 along with improvements to the tennis court fencing. The sand volleyball court and basketball courts have been maintained and are in good condition with the exception of striping needed on

the basketball courts. Two horseshoe pits were constructed and installed in 2016 by a Beverly Hills Boy Scout who completed the project as his Eagle Scout project. In the summer of 2020, a mountain bike path was installed with the help of residents. Path features include: the wave, teeter totter, skinny bridge, berms, jumps, turns and more. The bike path has signage encouraging helmets and multiple exits. In August 2022 a bike repair station and air pump were installed near the entrance of the park near the bike rack.

Farther south, along Allerton Road, two ballfields occupy about 4.5 acres (13.1% of the total park). From April to June and from August to October, these fields are used by leagues every weekday evening and during the day on Saturdays and Sundays. League contributions defray some ballfield maintenance and improvement expenses. Annually, the Beverly Hills Little League makes improvements to the ballfields. Both ball diamond infields were stripped and replaced in 2016. When not in use by the Little League, frequent pick-up games and company outings take place on the fields.

A sledding hill occupies about 1.4 acres of land at the south end of the park. The sled hill is a unique feature at Beverly Park as it was built from soil excavated during the construction of the Lodge Freeway. The sled hill railing was repaired and repainted in 2016 by part-time seasonal park staff. Steps on the southeast and northeast corners of the sled hill were completely rebuilt by part-time seasonal park staff in 2017. Ice skating at the park is also available in the winter months with two seasonal rinks placed next to the tennis courts.

Located in the southernmost section of the park, six pieces of adult exercise equipment were installed in 2016. Two additional pieces were added to the collection in 2017.

In conjunction with the buckthorn eradication, the Parks & Recreation Board has worked on reforestation efforts for several years. With the assistance of several grants from the DTE Energy Foundation, Michigan Arbor Day Alliance, and ReLeaf Michigan, 74 new trees of a variety of species have been planted throughout Beverly Park. Over 50 of the trees were planted as part of community tree planting events, utilizing over 50 community volunteers. Reforestation is an ongoing effort; one additional grant application is pending with hopes of a spring 2023 planting.

### **Recommendations**

- Replace playground equipment that is at the end of its design life
- Improve playground equipment to improve usefulness and accessibility for children of all abilities
- Install new playground surface

- Continue maintaining facilities for maximum life span of equipment
- Maintain pavilion to support continued use
- Research and consider improvements to pond area
- Install drinking fountain near playground
- Install handicap accessible sidewalk ramps
- Continue long term plan to eradicate invasive species
- Resurface tennis courts
- Plant additional trees and native plants throughout the park
- Restore woodland
- Install additional walking paths
- Improve public restroom facilities
- Repair/replace fence along Beverly Road and Allerton Drive
- Collaborate with other organizations to plan, fund, and implement potential baseball field enhancements

### **Riverside Park**

Location: Riverside Drive east of Evergreen Road

Service Area: Village
Size: 0.34 acres
Current Status: Developed

Classification: Park Accessibility: 2

Amenities:

- Picnic area/Benches
- Fishing access
- Nature study
- Chess/Checkers Table
- Art Installations (periodic)

### **Description and Assessment:**

Riverside Park is a 0.34 acre open space located on Riverside Drive abutting a pond which is part of the Rouge River. There is minimal paved parking available for motorists as well as pedestrian access via sidewalk. The pond at Riverside Park was formerly used to power a mill in the early years of Beverly Hills history. Documentation regarding Riverside Park is minimal; however, it appears the property was dedicated as a public park at the time of platting and has been maintained as such by the Village of Beverly Hills.

The park is predominantly used for fishing, although there is a picnic table and grill available for public use and people have used the pond as a kayak launch. The pond and connecting portions of the Rouge River have become extremely shallow due to over 100 years of sediment build-up. In recent years, the pond has been densely filled with plant growth during the summer months, greatly reducing open water and associated fishing and boating opportunities. In the coming years, it is expected that the pond area will continue to fill with sediment and Village residents will have to decide whether to allow the area to continue to fill in, dredge the pond, or remove the existing dams and allow the pond to revert to a wetland. Neither dredging nor dam removal are contemplated by this plan but will likely continue to be increasingly urgent topics of discussion for the Village.

In 2012 native plantings were installed along a portion of the riverbank to encourage bank stabilization through grant funding. In 2017, a permanent outdoor chess/checkers table with two stools was installed in a grassy area abutting the pond to create a peaceful area for gamers. In 2022, extensive buckthorn removal was conducted along the shore and on a peninsula between the pond and the original riverbed. During the course of this 5-year plan, continued management of buckthorn and other invasive species is recommended, together with clearance and landscaping of the peninsula to improve its usability.

### **Recommendations**

- Maintain existing facilities
- Beautification and landscaping to improve usability
- Continued invasive species monitoring and removal

### **Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve**

Location: South side of Fourteen Mile Road east of Evergreen Road

Service Area: Abutting property owners Size: 15 acres (approximate)

Current Status: Undeveloped

Classification: Natural Resource Area

Accessibility: 1

Amenities:

Nature study

### **Description and Assessment:**

Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve was acquired by the Village in the 1980s with the financial assistance of residents along Riverside Drive. At the time of purchase, the property was bank-owned and developers were proposing a residential development. The residents wanted to maintain the area in its natural state and deed restrictions were placed on the property to ensure the area would remain undeveloped.

The land area is a peninsula surrounded by branches of the Rouge River with the northern edge abutting a private golf course in Bloomfield Township. The site has no visible public accessibility and as such, many residents are unaware of its existence.

Beverly Hills has no areas available for future recreational developments at this time. The site is valuable open space that is not easily accessible to the public yet owned by the Village. Gaining visible access to the site to allow pedestrian traffic would provide additional passive recreational opportunities to the residents. Consideration of the abutting residential interests and deed restrictions must be taken into account. Also, consideration should be taken regarding the value of the natural area as a habitat for plants and wildlife. Maintaining the area as a plant and wildlife preserve should remain a priority.

### **Recommendations**

- Education of public to ensure proper use of area
- Consider greater public accessibility
- Improve signage

### **Douglas Evans Nature Preserve**

Location: Evergreen Road

Service Area: Village
Size: 18 acres

Current Status: Undeveloped

Classification: Natural Resource Area

Accessibility: 1

Amenities:

Nature study

### **Description and Assessment:**

Douglas Evans Nature Preserve was donated to the Village by Catherine E. Douglas in 1973 with the stipulation that it remain a Nature Preserve. The deed

restrictions prohibit development or improvements beyond maintenance. The one exception was the 1992 construction of the Combined Sewer Overflow tank and control building in the prairie area of the property. Special permission was granted by Mrs. Douglas due to the nature of the request.

Beverly Hills maintains the property primarily through the efforts of volunteers who work on Rouge Clean-Up Days and other environmental activities. The wooded areas provide a valuable green buffer for the Rouge River and habitat for wildlife.

The accessibility of the site is limited with no sidewalk access on Evergreen and minimal parking. However, the site is frequently used by residents to walk and enjoy nature. There is also evidence that the area is used to walk domestic animals. The site has been studied by numerous ecologists who cite the value of the native plant species in the area. Maintaining the area as a plant and wildlife preserve should remain a priority.

### **Recommendations**

- Maintain area; clear refuse, cut grasses
- Education of public to ensure proper use of area
- Consider greater public accessibility

### **Beverly Green**

Location: Greenfield Road and both North and South of Beverly Road

Service Area: Village Size: 0.5 acres

Current Status: Minimally Developed

Classification: Park Accessibility: 2

Amenities:

Open play area

### Description and Assessment:

Beverly Green is an open area bounded by Greenfield Road and Beverly Court. The space forms a semi-circle that is bisected by Beverly Road. A similar space on the east side of Greenfield Road is designed as Fries Park in the City of Royal Oak. In 2022, the space was designated as an additional Village Park and named "Beverly Green."

Beverly Green is mainly open space. Some tree planting has been done over the years by residents. The space will be significantly impacted by a road project in 2023 to install a traffic circle at the intersection of Beverly and Greenfield Roads. This tri-party project will be funded by the Road Commission for Oakland County, the City of Royal Oak, and the Village of Beverly Hills. Following this work, the space could be significantly improved through well-designed landscaping and improved access via sidewalks along Beverly Road. Preliminary plans are under development and consideration by the Parks and Recreation Board, pending completion of the road work.

### **Recommendations**

- Install professionally designed landscaping to beautify and improve usability of the space
- Pursue sidewalk connections to improve access along Beverly Road
- Add seating and lighting to attract residents and increase usage of the space
- Improve accessibility for all potential users
- Install fence and other features that are aesthetically similar in style to Beverly Park to create consistency throughout the Village
- Expand Sculptures in the Parks Program to include Beverly Green

### **DNR Grant Inventory**

The Village of Beverly Hills has received two grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Both projects were for the improvement of Beverly Park. The first grant, number B-1079-D, was received in 1973 for the development of the pavilion, restroom, picnic area, tot lot, croquet area, and park equipment. The second grant, number CM00-171, was received in 2000 for playground equipment, pedestrian safety entrance, perimeter fence, parking lot improvements and additional upgrades.

A DNR grant was applied for in 2022 for the acquisition of an 8.32-acre parcel along the Rouge River on Wendbrook Lane. The parcel includes a 4,600 sq ft dwelling. The DNR request was for a \$1.5M grant, to match a \$500K donation by the White family, who purchased the property with the intent to preserve the space as a Village park. Preliminary scoring of the grant request was provided in September 2022, with a final decision expected to be announced in December. This grant would represent a significant addition to the recreational facilities in the Village, particularly to the portions of the Village that lie furthest away from existing parks. It is hoped that this property can become a significant new recreational resource for the residents of Beverly Hills.

# **Planning Methods**

The Parks and Recreation Board has successfully realized their goal of improving Beverly Park, the main recreation outlet in Beverly Hills. Major renovations have been completed and the Board recognizes the need to maintain those renovations and infrastructure. Maintenance will help keep these facilities safe for generations to come.

As the population of Beverly Hills changes over time, the recreational needs in the community will change. According to the 2020 US Census data, the percentage of Village residents who are under 18 years old has decreased slightly since 2010, while the percentage of residents over the age of 65 has increased. Overall, the population increased slightly. SEMCOG projects that the average age of Village residents will continue to increase through 2045. This information indicates that it will be important to plan for a maturing population, while also maintaining facilities that are so highly valued by families with younger children.

In comparing facilities available with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Guidelines, some deficiencies were found. The table below compares the NRPA recommendations to some of the current facilities available and details the evaluation of need based on community makeup and input from the residents.

Activity/Facility	Recommended Number per Population	Current Facilities	Priority/Deficiency
Basketball courts - Beverly Park	1 per 5,000	1 per 10,000	Maybe. Current number of facilities meets the needs of community based on usage, but possible need to improve existing facilities.
Tennis courts - Beverly Park	1 per 2,000	2 per 10,000	Maybe. Current number of facilities do not meet needs of residents, but extensive facilities available at Groves High School and private clubs.

Activity/Facility	Recommended Number per Population	Current Facilities	Priority/Deficiency
Volleyball courts - Beverly Park	1 per 2,000	1 per 10,000	No. Current facilities meet needs of residents.
Baseball/softball fields - Beverly Park	1 per 5,000	2 per 10,000	Maybe. Current facilities meet needs of residents. Community feedback suggests need for improvement of existing fields.
Soccer field	1 per 10,000	None	Yes. No facilities exist and there is growing participation in soccer.

# **Public Input Process**

Public input was highly encouraged throughout the entire process of drafting this plan. The Village Council, Parks and Recreation Board, and Administration recognized the importance of preparing a plan that reflected residents' needs and desires for recreation in the community. An extensive survey was conducted, with 567 residents responding. This was estimated to represent over 13% of households, with addresses located across the Village. An additional 42 responses were received from non-residents users of Village parks. Further details of the survey are included in **Appendix C**.

Resident input was also received through public comment at meetings, public comment on the draft plan available on the Village website and at the Village office, and a public hearing held at the Council level prior to adoption. The input received was evaluated for the quality of representation of the public as well as feasibility of implementation.

The majority of survey responses were from users of recreation facilities. The percentages of the ages responding correlated with the population census. The survey, tally results, and comments can be found in **Appendix C**.

Generally, respondents reported extensive use of Beverly Park and its facilities, most prominently the Playground, Pavilion, Sledding Hill, Walking Trail, Tennis/Pickleball Courts, and Baseball Fields. Residents indicated high participation in events at Beverly Park, including the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, the Halloween Hoot, Winter activities, concerts, and other events. Residents reported far less use of the Village's other parks and nature areas.

Village residents offered several suggestions for improvements and enhancements to recreational facilities. These suggestions have been taken into account in this five-year plan and will guide budgeting and prioritization decisions over the next several years.

The draft plan was made available for public comment at the Village office and electronically via the Village website for 46 days. Notice of the draft plan review and comment availability was sent in the Village weekly electronic newsletter, which is emailed to 3,300 subscribers, a notice was placed on the public access bulletin board through Bloomfield Community Television, our cable television partner, and was announced at the public meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and Village Council. Copies of notices can be found in **Appendix E.** 

## **SURVEY SNAPSHOT**

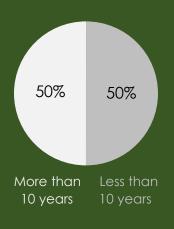
10,584 total residents

4,100 households

567 residents responded

42 non-residents responded

RESPONDENTS' LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN BEVERLY HILLS



A public hearing was held during the Village Council meeting on December 6, 2022. Copies of the notice for the Public Hearing and the minutes from the Public Hearing can be found in **Appendix F.** 

# Goals and Objectives

During the planning process, through the input of the public and evaluation of the current system, key goals came to the forefront of priorities for the next five years. These goals are based on public needs and desires, funding availability, anticipated population changes, and current facilities' status.

The goals of this five-year plan are fully aligned with the Village Master Plan Vision:

The Village of Beverly Hills will be a safe, aesthetically appealing, fiscally viable, family-oriented community with excellent educational, social, recreational, and cultural opportunities fostering a successful and diverse residential and business community with concern for ecological stewardship and cooperation with other governmental bodies and agencies.

Additionally, the 5-Year Plan directly supports one of the key Goals in the Village Master Plan:

Provide adequate park, open space, and recreational facilities for all village residents.

The following system-wide goals include objectives for completion:

- 1. Improve recreational facilities to encompass system wide recreation welcoming all residents to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
  - Analyze and improve universal accessibility at all recreation areas.
  - Replace playground facilities that are at the end of their designed life
  - Renovate or replace existing facilities to maintain active use
  - Continue improving maintenance and enhancing aesthetic appeal of parks.
  - Develop programs for residents of various ages.
  - Develop pedestrian and bicycle-accessible safety paths to connect all areas of the village to recreational spaces.
  - Pursue acquisition of additional recreational space.
- 2. Enhance biodiversity, protect wildlife and improve water quality of natural areas.
  - Improve quality of natural areas by continued maintenance and stewardship of green space.

- Encourage appropriate uses of natural areas that respect wildlife, plant life and water quality.
- Pursue sustainable designs in all new facilities and installations.
- Remove and control invasive species and restore/reforest affected areas
- 3. Use existing community resources efficiently and demonstrate fiscal responsibility by providing efficient administration of the Parks and Recreation facilities.
  - Increase regular communication with residents on programs available.
  - Seek and foster the development of a network of volunteers from among Village Residents to support Parks activities and to maintain and improve facilities.
  - Improve signage and visibility to improve usage and access to parklands.
  - Carefully manage and prioritize Park Improvement funds provided by Village voters in 2020.
  - Actively seek grant and alternative funding opportunities.

# **Action Program**

Residents of the Village, through surveys and direct feedback, have provided clear direction that will guide action over the next five years. Residents have also provided significant resources, with approval of a 10-year Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement millage in 2020. This plan is designed to make responsible use of those funds, in line with the priorities and evolving needs of Village residents.

The first priority of the plan is to continue to maintain and develop Beverly Park for the enjoyment and use of Village Residents. The plan's most significant capital expenditure will be the replacement of the play structure in the park, which is at the end of its designed life. The play structure is a major feature of the park, and replacement/renovation will be essential. The plan also must improve accessibility and usability of the play structure to provide enjoyment to residents of all abilities (Objectives 1 & 3).

The next priority of the five-year plan will be to improve the quality and usability of less used spaces. The Village's newest park, Beverly Green, should be professionally landscaped to improve the space both aesthetically and to improve usefulness to residents (Objectives 1, 2, & 3). This activity can be pursued once the Road Commission for Oakland County has completed a planned Traffic Circle at the intersection of Beverly and Greenfield Roads. Riverside Park should also be improved to make better use of the peninsula and the space near the pond. Discussion should continue to determine the most appropriate ways for Village Residents to access and appreciate our two Nature Areas – Hidden Rivers and Douglas-Evans.

Assuming a successful acquisition of over 8 acres of property on Wendbrook Lane, priority of capital funds should also go to make this space usable as an additional Village Park (Objectives 1, 2, & 3). At a minimum, space for parking will be needed and a plan will need to be made for the building on the site. With a successful acquisition at Wendbrook, a master plan should be created to describe how the property should be developed over time. This master plan should also consider how the Wendbrook property can best be integrated with other Village properties along the Rouge for the best possible enjoyment by Village residents.

Finally, funds should continue to be directed to the improvement and upkeep of existing facilities (Objectives 1 & 3). These include the pavilion at Beverly Park and existing equipment and amenities. A focused effort to restore and expand the tree canopy should continue, together with a continued effort to eliminate and control invasive Buckthorn and other invasive species. The current practice of seeking grant funding for forest development should be a continuing area of

focus. All improvements should be developed with priority placed on providing access to residents of all abilities, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Objective 1).

The Resident Survey also indicated interest in three additional capital projects that this plan considers to be at least partially beyond available capital resources. A recommendation for each is below:

### **Baseball Field Enhancements**

While maintenance and upkeep of the Baseball facilities falls within the scope of the Plan, interest was expressed in more significant enhancements. Suggestions included improved bleachers, rearrangement of fences and infields to Little League dimensions, creation of a T-ball field, and electrification to power pitching machines. The recommendation in this plan is for collaboration between the Parks and Recreation Board and the Little League organizations to prioritize desired improvements and identify potential new sources of funding. A subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Board has been appointed to work with the Little League on this subject.

### Dog Park

Several residents have expressed interest in creation of space and facilities for a Dog Park in the Village. Over half of the respondents in the survey own at least one dog. The Parks and Recreation Board has conducted a preliminary investigation into the potential cost of a Dog Park, collecting information from other communities in the area. The Board has also identified two potential locations, one in the south-east area of Beverly Park and another in the Waterworks space along 14 Mile Road, east of Pierce. Both would need appropriate fencing, controlled access, and will require input and discussion with neighboring property owners. This Plan does not recommend allocation of Capital Funds to construct a Dog Park. Instead, the plan recommends that a leader be appointed by the Village Council to determine whether there is sufficient interest among dog owners in the Village to raise specific funds for the construction and operation of a Dog Park within the Village limits.

### Splash Pad

Residents have also expressed interest in a Splash Pad, similar to the kind of summer-season water features available in neighboring communities. The Parks and Recreation Board has investigated potential locations for a Splash Pad and potential cost for construction and ongoing operation. As a result of this investigation, this plan does not recommend further consideration of this type of amenity for Beverly Hills parks. This is due to the high capital cost, the expectation of high ongoing costs for maintenance and operation, significant limitations on parking, and limitations on available space in Beverly Village parks.

### Conclusion

Overall, the recreational opportunities in Beverly Hills are meeting the needs of the community. The residents report a high level of satisfaction with the recreation available. There is increasingly high participation in Village events and there is ongoing participation of volunteers. System-wide improvements to the Village's parks, green spaces, and recreational facilities will complement the individual area recommendations listed in the Recreation Inventory.

Appendix A: Village of Beverly Hills Organizational Chart

Appendix B: Maps

- Beverly Hills Parks
- Beverly Park
- Riverside Park
- Beverly Green
- Douglas Evans Nature Preserve
- Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve

Appendix C: Resident Input Survey and Comments

Appendix D: Post-Completion Self-Certification Reports

Appendix E: Notices of Draft and Public Comments

Appendix F: Public Hearing Notice and Minutes from Hearing

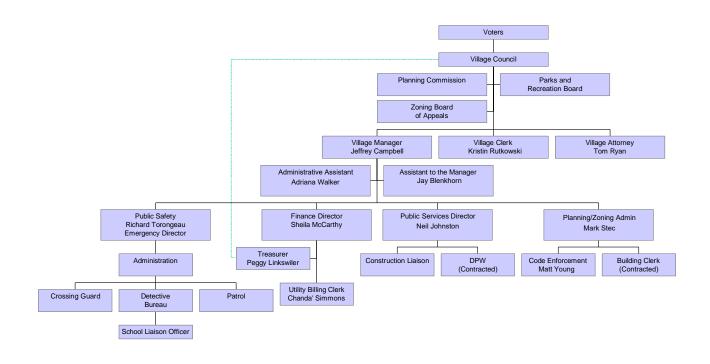
Appendix G: Parks and Recreation Board Resolution for Community Recreation Plan

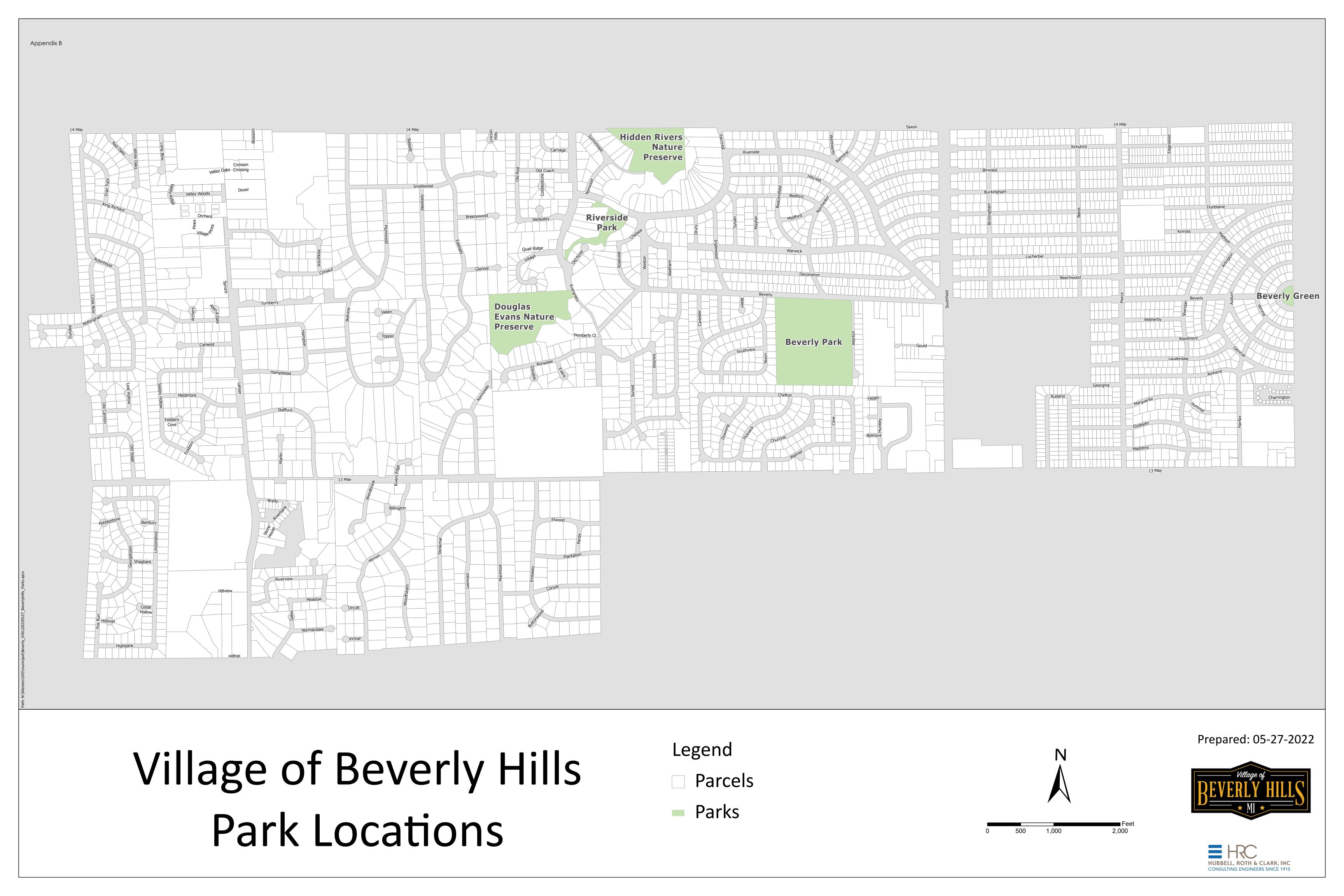
Appendix H: Village Council Resolution for Community Recreation Plan

Appendix I: Village of Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Logo

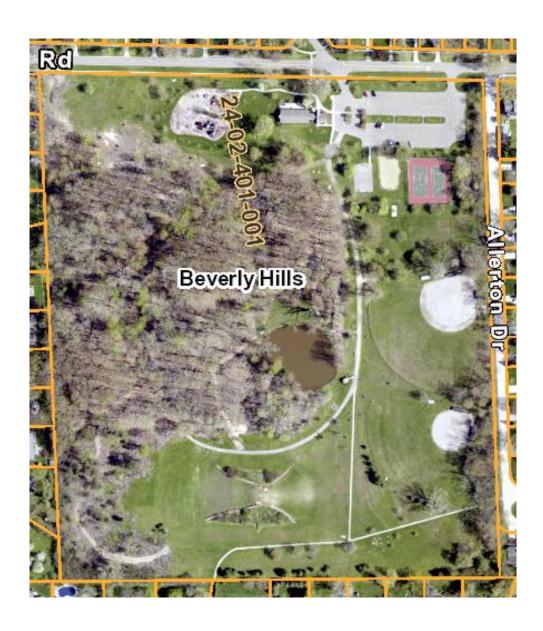
# Village of Beverly Hills

December 2022





### Beverly Park 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 Parcel ID: 24-02-401-001



Riverside Park
Parcel ID: 24-02-151-017



Beverly Green Parcel ID: 24-01-284-001



## Douglas Evans Nature Preserve Parcel ID: 24-03-426-012



### Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve Parcel ID: 24-02-102-010



#### **Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan Survey Questions**

- 1. Thank you for participating in the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Survey! To begin, are you a current resident of the Village of Beverly Hills, Michigan?
- 2. Please tell us which Beverly Hills street you live on?
  - a. As a non-resident interested in Beverly Hills Parks, please tell us what town or city within which you reside:
- 3. How long have you lived in Beverly Hills?
- 4. How many members of your household are 0-6 years old?
- 5. How many members of your household are 7-12 years old?
- 6. How many members of your household are 13-18 years old?
- 7. How many members of your household are 19-24 years old?
- 8. How many members of your household are 25-40 years old?
- 9. How many members of your household are 41-55 years old?
- 10. How many members of your household are 56+ years old?
- 11. Do one or more dogs live with your family?
- 12. Do you bring your dog(s) to any Beverly Hills Parks?
- 13. How could Beverly Hills Parks become more pet friendly?

# Parks Feedback Questions. Each of the following questions also asks 1.) If the named asset meets expectations, and 2.) Requests suggestions for improvement:

- 14. On an average monthly basis, how frequently do you visit Beverly Park?
- 15. How often does your family utilize the Baseball / Softball Fields within Beverly Park?
- 16. How often does your family utilize the Basketball Court within Beverly Park?
- 17. How often does your family utilize the Tennis Courts within Beverly Park?
- 18. How often does your family utilize the Sand Volleyball Court within Beverly Park?
- 19. How often does your family utilize the Beverly Park Pavilion?
- 20. Have you ever reserved the Pavilion for a private event?
- 21. How often does your family utilize the Playground within Beverly Park?
- 22. How often does your family utilize the Sledding Hill within Beverly Park?
- 23. How often does your family utilize the Ice Rink within Beverly Park?
- 24. How often does your family utilize the Horseshoe Pits within Beverly Park?
- 25. How often does your family utilize the Ping Pong Table within Beverly Park?
- 26. How often does your family utilize the Chess Table within Beverly Park?
- 27. How often does your family utilize the Exercise Equipment within Beverly Park?
- 28. How often does your family utilize the Storybook Trail within Beverly Park?
- 29. How often does your family utilize the Disc Golf Course within Beverly Park?
- 30. On an average monthly basis, how frequently do you visit Douglas Evans Nature Preserve?
- 31. On an average monthly basis, how frequently do you visit Riverside Park?
- 32. On an average monthly basis, how frequently do you visit Beverly Green?
- 33. On an average monthly basis, how frequently do you visit Hidden Rivers?

#### **Event Specific Questions:**

- 34. How frequently has your household attended the Memorial Day Parade?
- 35. How frequently has your household attended Movie in the Park?
- 36. How frequently has your household attended the Halloween Hoot?
- 37. How frequently has your household attended Winter Family Fun Days / Sledding?
- 38. How frequently has your household attended Java and Jazz?

- 39. How frequently has your household attended Concerts in the Park?
- 40. How frequently has your household participated in the Spring Park Clean-Up?
- 41. How frequently has your household participated in Tree Plantings?
- 42. How frequently has your household attended Read in the Park?
- 43. Did you enjoy any of the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside|Out Program art installations at various Beverly Hills parks in May through October of 2021?
- 44. Did you participate in the DIA Inside|Out Bike Ride on July 22, 2021?
- 45. Will you seek out all or some of the sculptures installed at Beverly Hills parks as part of the inaugural "Sculptures in the Parks" exhibit?

#### **Invasive Species Questions:**

- 46. Are you aware of the recent, significant efforts by the Village of Beverly Hills, in conjunction with OC CISMA to remove invasive species from Beverly Hills parks?
- 47. Do you support the continued removal of invasive plant species from Beverly Hills Parks and efforts to restore native understory plants where invasive species have been removed?

#### **General Feedback Formatted Questions:**

- 48. What potential additions (large or small) to Parks infrastructure do you think would benefit our community?
- 49. What potential special events hosted on Parks property do you think would further benefit our community?

#### Parks & Recreation Future Participation Questions:

- 50. Do you have interest in volunteering at Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation events?
- 51. Would you like to be notified regarding opportunities to partially underwrite significant improvement projects at Beverly Hills Parks?
- 52. Would you like to be notified regarding sponsorship/marketing opportunities at future Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation events?



# Give just 10 minutes to help plan the next 5 years

The 2023-2028 Community Recreation Plan for Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation is currently being drafted and we need your input!

Participate in the

Community Recreation Plan Survey to help determine fiscal and operational priorities for Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation for 2023 - 2028.

#### Your participation is extremely important!

To participate in the survey, just scan the QR Code below with your smartphone or tablet. then click the link when it appears. Or you can visit villagebeverlyhills.com for more information.





# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

Developed by:
Beverly Hills Parks and Recreation Board
5-Year Plan Subcommittee
Greg Ross - Sara Bresnahan - Eli Bayless



# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

# **Participation**

Survey participation was at **13.8% of Beverly Hills households**, based on an estimated total number of occupied housing units in Beverly Hills at 4,100 and 567 respondents that identified as current residents.

Respondents provided street names of their residences. Highest frequency street names are as follows:

Address	Qty	Address	Qty	Address	Qty	Address	Qty
Beverly	29	Bedford	9	Arlington	5	Amherst	4
Riverside Dr	26	Churchill Drive	9	Bellvine	5	Beaconsfield	4
Devonshire	22	Chelton	8	E Chelton Dr	5	Downing pl	4
Pickwick Ln	16	Nixon	8	E Rutland	5	Dunblaine	4
Birwood	13	Vernon Dr	8	Faircrest	5	Eastlady Dr	4
Hillcrest	13	Auburn	7	Fairfax	5	Georgetown Dr	4
Waltham Rd	13	Evergreen Rd.	7	Lauderdale Ave	5	Georgina Street	4
Buckingham	12	Mayfair Lane	7	Lincolnshire East	5	Wellesley Street	4
Sleepy Hollow Lane	11	Sheridan Dr	7	Norchester	5	White Oaks Trail	4
Beechwood	10	Wilshire Blvd	7	Nottingham Dr	5		
Kinross Ave	10	13 Mile	6	Ronsdale Dr	5		
Kirkshire Ave	10	Embassy	6	Stafford	5		
Warwick	10	Metamora Drive	6	Stellamar St	5		
		Riverbank Dr	6	Sunset Dr	5		
				Westlady	5		



# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

# **Participation**

Forty-two (42) non-Beverly Hills residents participated in the survey. These participants provided the name of their city or town, and are as follows:

City / Town	Qty
Southfield	15
Birmingham	6
Royal oak	6
Bingham Farms	4
Bloomfield Hills	2
Franklin	2
West Bloomfield	2
Berkley	1
Bloomfield Twp	1
Lathrup Village	1
Pleasant Ridge	1



# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

# **Interesting Survey Takeaways:**

- 50% of all participants have lived in Beverly Hills for <10 years, and equally 50% of all participants have lived in Beverly Hills for >10 years..
- Over 40% of all respondents have young children:
  - 39.8% have at least one child 0-6 years old
  - 40.1% have at least one child 7-12 years old
- < 13% of households have members between the ages of 19-24 years old.</p>
- 52% of Beverly Hills households have at least one dog.



# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

# **Interesting Survey Takeaways:**

Over 91% of respondents visit Beverly Park on a monthly basis.

## Annual Household Use of Beverly Park Assets:

Sledding Hill:	79.6%
Pavilion:	77.8%
Storybook Trail:	71.4%
Playground:	70.2%
Tennis Courts:	34.5%
Baseball Fields:	34.2%
Ice Rink:	24.2%
Exercise Equipment:	19.5%
Disc Golf Course:	19.3%
Basketball Courts:	19.1%
Sand Volleyball Courts:	13.9%
Ping Pong Table:	9.4%
Chess Table:	6.9%
Horseshoe pits:	5.2%



# Community Recreation Plan Survey Results and Significant Takeaways

# **Interesting Survey Takeaways:**

Monthly household use of secondary parks:

<b>Monthly Park Use</b>				
Park	None	1-5 Times	6-10 Times	10+ Times
Douglas Evans	44.3%	49.3%	3.6%	2.8%
Riverside	67.5%	26.0%	2.8%	3.6%
Beverly Green	95.5%	3.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Hidden Rivers	93.2%	6.0%	0.5%	0.3%

#### Household attendance of special events::

<b>Event Attendance</b>			
Event	Always	Sometimes	Never
Memorial Day Parade	35.5%	41.1%	23.4%
Halloween Hoot	34.1%	36.2%	29.7%
Winter Days / Sledding	11.2%	42.7%	46.1%
Concerts in the Park	4.9%	48.1%	47.1%
Movie in the Park	4.4%	37.6%	58.1%
Java and Jazz	2.3%	26.8%	70.9%
Spring Clean Up	2.8%	25.8%	71.3%
Read in the Park	2.0%	12.5%	85.5%
Tree Planting	2.0%	10.1%	87.9%



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

#### COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

#### **CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFO	RMATION	
Name of Plan:	Λ	
Village of Beverly Hills Communi		Plan
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Village of Beverly Hills	Oakland	December 2022
3		
PLAN CO		
INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed in	nformation is included in	the <u>final</u> plan.
☐ 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION		
☑ 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE		
Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and	d Organizational Chart	
Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Ma Programming	•	ovements and Recreation
☑ Current Funding Sources		
Role of Volunteers		
Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public	Agencies or Private Org	ganizations
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Articles of Incorporation		
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	creation Facilities	
☐ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)		
4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)		

☑ 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS
Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
☑ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
Date of the Notice October 21, 2022
Type of Notice <u>Website</u> , email
Plan Location <u>Village website &amp; Village Office</u> Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 46 days
Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)  Date of Notice  Name of Newspaper  Date of Meeting  December (a, 2022)  Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting  7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
☑ 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)
PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION
APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.
☑ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated:  ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
□ 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission or Board,
recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, <u>dated</u> : <u>October 30, 3033</u>
☑ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated:  ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
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OVERALL CERTIFICATION
NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government.  Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.
I hereby certify that the recreation plan for
above and as set forth by the DNR.  includes the required content, as indicated

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

#### PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2022 - PAGE 2

Motion by Bresnahan, second by Bayless, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the Village Council approve the request to install WiFi at the Beverly Park pavilion and the purchase of a video projector and video screen in the amount of \$2,812.00. Funds for these expenses will be covered by a grant awarded by the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Motion passed.

#### REVIEW AND CONSIDER DRAFT 5-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Over the last several months, the Parks & Recreation Board and Administration have been working to update the Village's 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. After conducting a survey, gathering community input, and making revisions, the draft plan is ready for review.

Procedurally, the draft plan must be available to the public for review for thirty days. Then, the Village Council can hold a public hearing to receive comments on the plan and formally adopt the plan at their first meeting in December. In order to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the plan must be submitted to the DNR by February 1, 2023.

This will serve as notice that the draft 5-Year Community Recreation Plan will be available for public review on the Village website (www.villagebeverlyhills.com) and at the Village Office (18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025) beginning Friday, October 21, 2022. Residents will also be notified of the draft plan's availability via the Village's weekly email blast and on the Village Facebook page. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk via email at krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com or via mail to 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 by 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 2022.

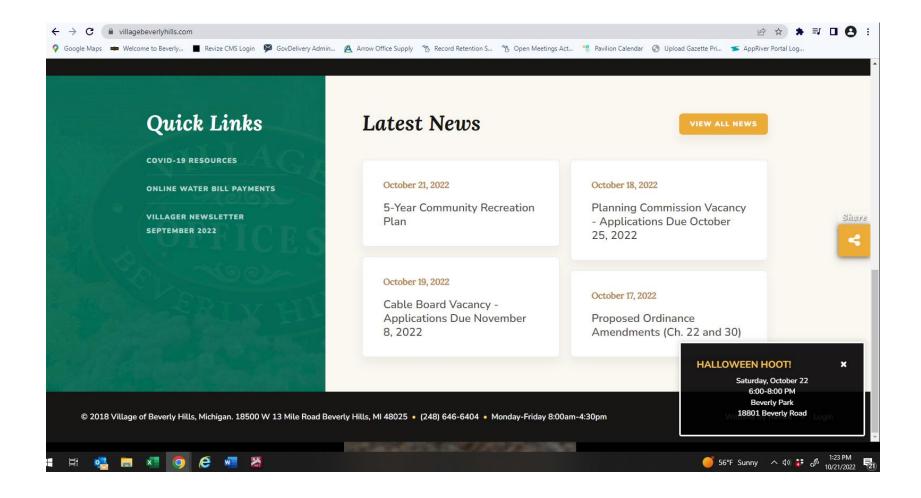
The Board agreed that they liked the format, style, and the maps that were included in the updated plan.

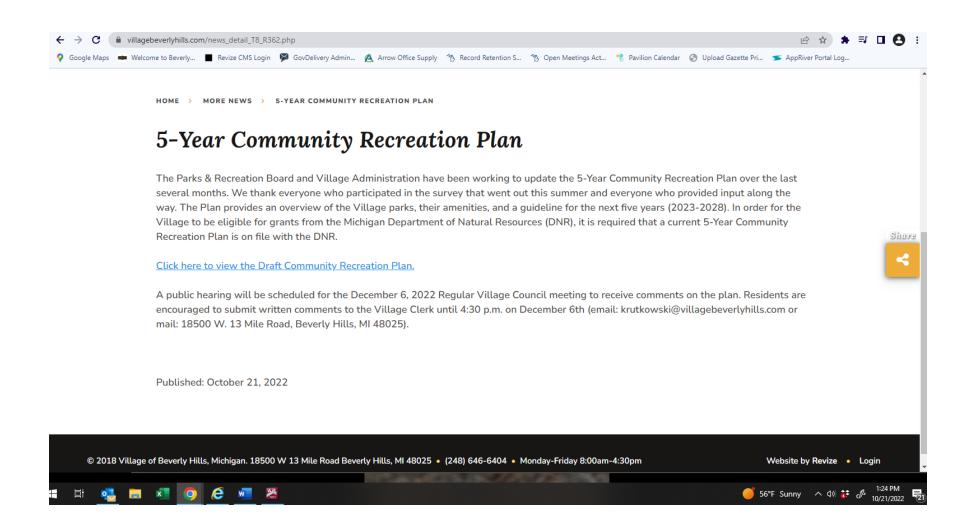
Motion by Bresnahan, second by Bayless, the Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council set a public hearing date for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. Further, after the public hearing has concluded, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council approve the 2023-2028 5-Year Community Recreation Plan as submitted.

Motion passed.

# REVIEW AND CONSIDER CHANGING THE 2023 READ IN THE PARK DATE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

At the September 15, 2022 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting, the Board set special event dates for the 2023 calendar year. Read in the Park is generally held on the third Saturday in September, which is what the Board initially scheduled it for. In the meantime, Baldwin Public Library reached out and requested the date be changed to Saturday, September 30, 2023 due to scheduling issues.





#### Kristin Rutkowski

From: Village of Beverly Hills <villagebeverlyhills@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 3:22 PM

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# **Village of Beverly Hills**

October 21, 2022



#### **Halloween Hoot Tomorrow!**

Join us for trick-or-treating at the annual Halloween Hoot at Beverly Park on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! Wear a costume and bring a flashlight! Children must be accompanied by an adult. This year we will have over 25 treat stations and the trail will stretch behind the sled hill! We can't wait to see you there!



#### <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

Planning Commission - Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 PM - CANCELED

Village Council - Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals - Monday, November 14, 7:30 PM



#### Planning Commission Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2023. Interested and eligible residents are encouraged to apply to fill the position. Applications are available on the Village website by <a href="clicking here">clicking here</a>. Please submit applications to the Village Clerk by

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 (by email:

krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com or by mail/in person: 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025).

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road. In November and December, the Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month due to the holidays.



#### **Cable Board Vacancy**

There is a vacancy on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for a partial term ending June 30, 2023. Interested and eligible residents are encouraged to apply to fill the position. Applications are available on the Village website by clicking here. Please submit applications to the Village Clerk by Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (by email: krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com or by mail/in person: 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025).

The Cable Board meets every other month in the Village Council Chambers at 7:45 a.m. The Board advises Council on cable and franchisee related matters.



#### **Notice of Public Hearing**

The Village Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025, to receive public comments on proposed Ordinances to amend the following sections of the Municipal Code: Chapter 30 (Surface Water Drainage); Chapter 22, Section 22.08 (General Provisions); and Chapter 22, Section 22.09 (Site

Development Requirements) regarding new storm water runoff requirements.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for public inspection at the Village Office or on the Village website

(www.villagebeverlyhills.com). Written comments are encouraged and may be submitted to the Village Clerk at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 or via email (krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com) until 4:30 PM on November 1, 2022.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an option for the public to participate remotely via Zoom is also available: Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82502242099; Meeting ID: 825 0224 2099; Dial in: 1-646-876-9923 (US).



#### **Draft 5-Year Community Recreation Plan**

The Parks & Recreation Board and Village Administration have been working to update the 5-Year Community Recreation Plan over the last several months. We thank everyone who participated in the survey that went out this summer and everyone who provided input along the way. The plan provides an overview of the Village parks, their amenities, and a guideline for the next five years. In order for the Village to be eligible for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), it is required that a 5-Year Recreation Plan is on file with the DNR.

A special thanks to the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee members: Eli Bayless, Sara Bresnahan, and Greg Ross, for their hard work on the plan.

The draft plan is now available for review on the <u>Village website</u>. A public hearing will be scheduled for the December 6, 2022 Regular Village Council meeting to receive comments on the plan. Residents may also submit written comments to the Village Clerk until 4:30 p.m. on December 6th (krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com or 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025).



#### Java & Jazz Recap

A big thanks to the Ryan Bills Trio & special guests who performed jazz on the 3rd Sunday of the month this May to October at the Beverly Park pavilion!

A special thanks to Goddard School - Beverly Hills for sponsoring the coffee for entire 2022 Java & Jazz series!

We would also like to thank the volunteers on the Parks & Recreation Board for making sure this event was a success every month!



#### **Pavilion Rentals Finished for Season**

The Halloween Hoot marks the end of the pavilion rental season. The pavilion is still open to the public on a first come, first served basis while Beverly Park is open (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.). The Public Services team will be winterizing the bathrooms soon, so those will remain closed until next spring.

The Village will begin taking pavilion reservations for next year on March 1, 2023 for residents and April 5, 2023 for non-residents. Rentals can be made for dates from mid-May to mid-October.

We hope everyone who rented the pavilion this year enjoyed their time and we thank you for keeping the space clean and undamaged.



#### Oakland County Deer Survey

Over the past several years, cities, villages, and townships throughout Oakland County have been receiving an increasing number of calls and emails from residents regarding deer concerns. The Village of Beverly Hills is a member community of a greater Oakland County Deer Management Coalition. As a resident of Oakland County, we would greatly appreciate your input on this important community issue. Please take a minute to complete this short survey before November 11, 2022. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback.

To access the survey, click on this link.



#### Curbside Chipping Week of October 24

Our Public Services team will be chipping branches throughout the village the week of Monday, October 24. Please place branches 2-6" in diameter at the curb on your regular collection day. Please stack, don't bundle, the branches for chipping.

The final curbside chipping route of the season will take place the week of November 28th. Chipping will then resume in April 2023.



#### Don't Rake Leaves into Village Streets

Reminder: if you are disposing of leaves, they should be bagged with yard waste for regular pick up. Please do not rake leaves or other debris into the street. Please remind your landscape contractors not to rake/blow leaves or other debris into Village streets. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### 14 Mile Road Construction Update

The 14 Mile Road project is proceeding as the base course of asphalt has been completed and, weather permitting, the final wearing course, completion of the sidewalks, and final cleanup will take place in the next several weeks. We appreciate your patience and cooperation through the duration of this project.



#### **Beverly Greenfield Roundabout**

The Roundabout that will be constructed at Greenfield and Beverly Roads by the Road Commission for Oakland County beginning in the spring of 2023 was discussed with residents at an Open House type forum at the Royal Oak Senior Center on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. There was a good attendance by Beverly Hills residents who came away with information on how the roundabout will work, when it will be constructed, and the safety it will provide for drivers.



#### **Voter Registration**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of Southfield Township (which includes Beverly Hills) who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Southfield Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at <a href="millow/vote">millow/vote</a> and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at <a href="www.expressSOS.com">www.expressSOS.com</a>.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the next election is Monday, October 24, 2022.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you have questions about voter registration or the elections, please contact the Southfield Township Clerk's Office at 248-540-3420. Sample ballots can be viewed online by clicking here:

https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index



#### **League of Women Voters Voter Guide**

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area has put out its voter guide for the November 8, 2022 General Election. The guide includes non-partisan information on state, county, and judicial races as well as proposals on the ballot. Responses from candidates in local Oakland County city, village, and township races can be found online at <a href="VOTE411.org">VOTE411.org</a>. Hard copies of the guide area available at the Village and Township Offices.



#### **Story Book Trail**

When you're visiting Beverly Park, be sure to check out <u>Penguin and Pumpkin</u> by Salina Yoon along the story book trail!

Thanks to Baldwin Public Library for installing a new story this month!



#### **Beverly Hills Lions Club**

Your Beverly Hills Lions Club collects used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones to support those in need around the world. Collection boxes are located in front of Books-a-Million (yellow mailbox) and in the Village and Township Offices located on 13 Mile Road. WE SERVE, but need your help!

The Lions are currently accepting new members. We'd love for you to join! Please call 313-492-8232 or email bhmi.lions.info@gmail.com for more information about membership. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Tavern in Troy and you are welcome to attend!

Check out the Lions' website today at: <u>e-clubhouse.org/sites/beverlyhillsmi</u> or follow them on <u>Facebook!</u>



#### **Baldwin Public Library**

300 W Merrill St, Birmingham, MI 48009 www.baldwinlib.org (248) 647-1700

#### Dive into Dearborn with Zahir

October 25, 2022, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Zahir Janmohamed is a Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Bowdoin College. He received his MFA in fiction at the University of Michigan where he received awards in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and playwriting. In 2019, the podcast he co-founded, Racist Sandwich, was nominated for a James Beard Award. In May 2016, while living in Portland, Oregon, he co-founded Racist Sandwich, a podcast that explores the intersection between food, race, gender, and class. The podcast was nominated by Saveur magazine and by the International Association of Culinary Professionals as one of the best food shows of 2017. In 2019, it was selected as one of the best 100 podcasts by Vulture and in 2020, Esquire UK named it as one of the best podcasts. Join us as Zahir takes us on a food journey through Dearborn and metro Detroit.

This is a virtual event. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

#### Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Used Book and Media Sale

Friday, October 28 - Monday, October 31

Join us for scary good deals all weekend long! On the lower level of the Library; cash or check.

Friday, October 28 – Friends Members only presale – 6-8pm; Friends memberships available at the door.

Saturday, October 29 – 10am-4pm

Sunday, October 30 – 12-4pm; Half Price Day!

Monday, October 31 – 10am-noon; Bag Day! Buy a bag for \$5 and stuff it full of materials.



#### Next

#### A Community Center for Boomers & Beyond

2121 Midvale | Birmingham, MI 48009 (248) 203-5270 | www.BirminghamNext.org @BirminghamNext | Like us on Facebook

#### 2022 Statewide Ballot Proposals and Election Information

Monday, October 24, 2022, 4:00 pm

The League of Women Voters will present an educational program on the ballot initiatives appearing on the November 8, 2022 ballot. Information will also be provided regarding election procedures including registering to vote, absentee voting and certification of election results.

Drop-in, community welcome.

#### **Diwali - The Festival of Lights**

Wednesday, October 26, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated in India. Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Enjoy beautiful music, treats and more!

#### **Wednesday Night at the Movies**

Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. October 26 - HOCUS POCUS

Bring your grandchildren! Costumes encouraged and Halloween Treats will be provided. After moving to Salem, Mass., teenager Max Dennison (Omri Katz) explores an abandoned house with his sister Dani (Thora Birch) and their new friend, Allison (Vinessa Shaw). After dismissing a story Allison tells as superstitious, Max accidentally frees a coven of evil witches (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy) who used to live in the house. Now, with the help of a magical cat, the kids must steal the witches' book of spells to stop them from becoming immortal.

Rated PG - 1 hour 36 minutes

#### **Minor Home Repair Assistance**

Using Community Development Block Grant funding, Next can assist

eligible residents of Beverly Hills with minor home repairs. Minor home repairs include replacing furnaces, replacing garbage disposals, and replacing gutters, roofs, and downspouts - just to name a few! Contact Next today to see if you qualify: 248-203-5270.



#### **Preparing Trash Correctly**

A reminder from SOCRRA - to place trash out for collection, please remember these guidelines:

- Trash must be contained in bags.
- Bags or cans of trash cannot be larger than 35 gallons.
- Bags cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Trash cans cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.
- No sharps collected curbside.

These guidelines are set for the safety and welfare of the collection crew, residents, as well as the cleanliness of the neighborhood.

If these guidelines are not met, a sticker will be placed on the incorrect item notifying residents it wasn't accepted for collection.



#### **Oakland County Vaccines**

Oakland County is currently vaccinating all persons who are aged 5 years or older and meet one of the following criteria: live in Oakland County, work in Oakland County, study in Oakland County. Oakland County residents can "Save your Spot" in line for the COVID-19 vaccine. Help the County understand your interest in a vaccine so they can organize the distribution of their supply. When you are eligible to set an appointment and vaccine doses are available, they will contact you by phone, text or email. Click here to sign up.



#### **Direct Water Bill Payment**

Beverly Hills residents have the option to have your water bill payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. You will still receive your monthly statement approximately 21 days in advance indicating the amount to be deducted. Your automatic payment will be reflected on your next bill and itemized on your checking or savings account statement.

To get started, please complete a <u>Water Department enrollment form</u>. Forms are also available at the Village Office or in the most recent edition of the Villager Newsletter. Please allow 30-60 days for processing. Call the Water Department at 248-646-6404 if you have questions.









# In communities that are currently "SMART Opt-In" the proposed Oakland Transit millage <u>replaces</u> the SMART millage.

- In 2018, voters in 24 Oakland County communities approved a four-year, .9863 mill measure to fund SMART. This millage expires at the end of 2022.
- Oakland Transit replaces the SMART millage. The SMART millage will not appear on the Nov. 8 ballot.
- Oakland Transit millage is a ten-year, .95 mill measure to fund countywide transportation service.
- The millage maintains SMART service. Funding also goes to smaller local providers in northern and western areas of Oakland County.
- The Oakland Transit millage expands services, including reservation-based service, app-based service and fixed-route service.
- Look for the Oakland Transit proposal on your Nov. ballot under the name "Oakland County Public Transportation Millage."

### Learn more at OakGov.com/OaklandTransit





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Questions or comments? Contact krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com

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#### Kristin Rutkowski

From: Jeanette Aiello < jeanetterenee 12@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 7:53 PM

**To:** Kristin Rutkowski **Subject:** Re: Park Master Plan

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Thank you for the information Kristin. I appreciate the effort that goes into making these plans a reality. Kudos to the entire team for the commitment to keeping this plan on file with the DNR for grant purposes. I provide these comments as a resident and also as a Certified Park and Recreation Executive that works for Canton Township as their Project and Operations Supervisor. In Canton we had our Master Plan approved earlier this year. Based on our experience, I'd recommend reaching out to Merrie Carlock at the DNR to make sure that your Capital plan meets their requirements. They may ask for a timeine of the projects listed, but she will be able to say.

Accessibility factors should really be a top priority. It increases access by all neighbors and helps to avoid litigation. Beverly Park is likely rated higher than it should be. The Park would benefit from hard surface paths to each of the amenities. Currently it only has accessible paths to the pavilion and playground.

For the Park system as a whole, I can only hope that the playgrounds are inspected 2x annually by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. If this is not the case, then for every child's safety it needs to be factored into the budget. Either get someone Certified or contract with Oakland County Parks CPSI or a playground company. The Fibar fall surface needs to be replaced at a thicker level and more frequently under swings and slides.

We look forward to seeing our parks continue to grow and be invested in. We love visiting our green spaces and look forward to the potential new additions on Wendbrook Lane.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Aiello
30370 Vernon Dr.
jeanetterenee12@gmail.com

On Tue, Oct 25, 2022, 10:59 AM Kristin Rutkowski <a href="krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com">krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com</a> wrote:

Good morning Jeanette,

The updated plan was prepared internally. The accessibility information is similar to the current 2018-2023 plan as there haven't been major updates in that regard. There are 5 accessibility levels (listed below) and in the plan each park has a level listed in the inventory summary (pages 10-20).
Level 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
Level 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Level 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
 Level 2: Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
 Level 3: Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
 Level 4: The entire park area meets accessibility guidelines
 Level 5: The entire park area was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design
 Best Regards,
 Kristin
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From: Jeanette Aiello < jeanetterenee12@gmail.com > Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2022 9:00 AM To: Kristin Rutkowski < krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com > Subject: Park Master Plan
<b>CAUTION:</b> This email originated from outside your organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.
Good morning,
In reviewing the Park Master Plan, it references that an accessibility site audit was conducted. Is it possible to get a copy of the site audit? Also, was this audit and the Master Plan prepared internally or with a consultant? If a consultant, which firm was used?
Thank you for your assistance,
Jeanette Aiello

#### Kristin Rutkowski

From: dave tobaben <dmtinmi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 9:52 AM

**To:** Kristin Rutkowski

**Subject:** 2022 Recreation Plan Draft comments **Attachments:** Recreation Plan 2022 draft 2.doc

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Ms. Rutkowski, my comments on the recreation draft document, attachment below. Good work on your part, a lot of time and effort I'm sure. Thank you.

David Tobaben

#### Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Draft 2022 - Comments

The draft of the 2022 5-Year Community Recreation Plan provides a well rounded description of the Village and an overview of recreational facilities available to residents. It would seem adequate for facilitating grant applications although that aspect is better judged by Council and members of Administration who deal with granting organizations and the third parties we frequently use for the actual writing of proposals.

This is an important element of Village finance because grant money is key part of funding Parks and Recreation plans for capital needs, major maintenance or upgrade projects.

- -There is less money in the proposed 2023 and 2024 Parks General Fund than the 2022 amended budget to service more space and infrastructure than last year.
- -Dollar for dollar spend comparisons do not recognize inflation reduced buying power.
- -Among the most frequent resident comments in the 2022 Parks Survey are maintenance needs and upgrades for existing facilities.
- -Dollars budgeted for 2023-2024 park staff do not reflect the need for higher maintenance standards or the incremental space and infrastructure to be cared for.
- -All projected millage dollars for 2023-2024 capital improvements are allocated to Beverly Green design and infrastructure, and replacing Beverly Park Playground equipment. There is no provision for significant repairs or upgrade of other equipment or emergencies.

Other factors relevant to funding needs by location include:

Beverly Park is deteriorating. Survey results show 91% of residents use the park and visit more than once a week. The raw number of Beverly Park visits exceeds total visits in all other facilities. As Beverly Park goes, so goes the Beverly Hills Parks system. The survey gives the Park a 76% 'Meets Expectations' score, but logs hundreds of subject specific comments, complaints, suggestions under General Feedback that must to be addressed, if not by funding then by a major push to enlist volunteers. General maintenance concerns for Beverly Park were the second most frequent comment subject in the survey after the ball fields (better facilities, drainage and real infields). The grim reality becomes, with continued decline, we stand to lose more in the total park system than we gain from new spaces and infrastructure.

Beverly Park is our only Park for kids. It has the playground, the sled hill, ice rink, ball fields, storybook trail and tons of green space. The three biggest events are kids' events, Memorial Day, Halloween Hoot, Winter Days. When the kids come, they bring their parents. But the total Park remains underutilized. Excluding the sled hill and ball fields, the vast majority of activity is concentrated in and around the 'front of the park', the 25% of the total park area including the pavilion, playground, parking lot, sports courts, events meadow.

<u>Riverside Park</u> will not mature until the buckthorn, lily pads and duck poop are gone and it becomes a cozy spot on the peninsula for a family picnic or a place where friends can

meet for quiet conversation. Nature will fill up the pond. What happens to erosion patterns when that storage capacity is gone? How do we separate park space from backyards when they run together on a dried up pond bed? Spillway access is limited by private ownership. Who maintains the watercourse?

<u>Hidden Rivers</u> is off the table unless deed provisions can be modified to everyone's satisfaction. The Oakland County Gateway shows we have access? Restrictions say we cannot improve? Could we create a raised walkway that would enable residents to experience undisturbed nature, but not muck it up? Could that be done? Is it worth it?

<u>Douglas Evans</u> is the only accessible natural space in the Village. Two residents complained about the overflow facility but thought it was waste disposal. 56% of residents use the preserve, half want better parking, a quarter want trail improvements and toilets while the last quarter want to keep the space as it is now. My read of those numbers is 75% find limited appeal in Nature Preserves preferring comfort and convenience to how the world was when everything was a natural space.

7% of Douglas-Evans respondents complained about dogs off leash. There is no data to validate, but many presume D-E has become an unsanctioned dog run. Beverly Park or Wendbrook have the space for a real one, but is this best use? There is a suggestion to use the water tower property on East 14 Mile? That would be a drive to site for most!

Beverly Green will be small but is very walkable for residents. This is the East Side's park. If you can drive, go to Beverly Park, so minimal parking needs, straight in configuration to eliminate a turnaround, but sufficient bike racks. Getting across Beverly Road once the roundabout is in will be tricky so do we create two tiny park spaces, north and south? Think small footprint everywhere, playground equipment, no covered space, lots of trees for shade and a place to spread out the blanket. Shrubbery to shield Greenfield and the roundabout, make it tall and dense, but not deep, or a fence.

<u>Pocket Parks</u> are not mentioned. There are multiple spaces in East Beverly that could maybe squeeze in a swing set or climber to take some of the space pressure off the Park. I counted more than 50 such spaces in the Village including cul-de-sacs and medians. Most are too small for any improvement but an opportunity for neighborhood beautification. Do we have an inventory, rely on adjacent residents to maintain, have enough parks personnel to monitor?

Wendbrook remains a puzzle, a 'nice to have' piece of property, possibly the last of its kind in the Village, that no one seems to know what to do with. We don't have to do anything, immediately, except mow the grass and perhaps not that if we turn the property into a nature center, if residents really want one. Maybe it's just a quiet place on the River with a few amenities. No hurry. There is no funding to do anything through 2024.

#### Kristin Rutkowski

From: Tom Maxwell <tommaxwell5@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 4:28 PM

**To:** Kristin Rutkowski

**Subject:** Public comments - P&R 5-year plan

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The following are my comments regarding the Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan (5-year plan).

First of all, I believe that a lot of dedicated work went into the development of the community document and thanks to all that participated.

There is a lot of good and useful data that is contained in the "Community Description" and "Administration" sections.

I do have concerns with the deed restrictions of the two nature preserves, in particular, the 15 acres at the Hidden Rivers location. This asset cannot be entirely used by any resident except for the neighbors that live around the perimeter of the land. As stated on page 18, greater public accessibility should be developed so visitors don't feel that they are trespassing on people's property.

The draft states that the recreational activities at OLQM are only available to parish members. With this parcel being private land, and being a lifelong parishioner, I never experienced anyone being excluded from the outside basketball nets and the general playground equipment during non-school hours / activities.

A technical item on page 4 – I may be incorrect; however, I understand that the Birmingham County Club is located in Bloomfield Township (not Bloomfield Hills). On page 18, reference to the club states Bloomfield Township.

Under the "Capital Projects" on page 6, I hope that the "Landscaping and improvements at Beverly Green" consists of more than a flower garden and additional bushes/trees. A pavilion and picnic tables should be investigated for a major entrance to our village.



As stated on page 20, sidewalk connections to Beverly Green on Beverly and Greenfield Roads are a must.

The statement under "Grants" on page 7, "It is hoped that this property (Wendbrook Lane) can become a substantial new recreational resource for the residents of Beverly Hills" is of concern. In round numbers, the potential asset has a \$2M value which will comprise of a \$500K donation and \$1.5M Michigan grant. <u>Has a detailed budget to develop the land (parking, drainage, and other items) and remodel the dwelling into a recreational center with ADA specifications been made public?</u> I would expect this amount will drastically eat into the 10-year millage revenue (approx. \$2M). If the millage revenue supports this project, what other projects will be sacrificed? Will there be another millage (s) to support this site?

Under the "Action Plan" on page 27:

Priority should be granted to maintain the flagship park of Beverly Hills – Beverly Park with safe equipment and grounds. With that said, the funding (millage and general operational funds) that the village receives from the taxpayers should be used in a fiduciary manner. Wise investments/spending should prevail.

It is extremely unfortunate that much needed improvements for the East side of our village to Beverly Green must wait for RCOC to complete a roundabout at Beverly and Greenfield that most people don't want.

I agree with the conclusions that were made regarding the survey results regarding the baseball fields, dog park and splash pad. There are many higher priorities within our village.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Maxwell 15921 Lauderdale Beverly Hills, MI 48025

# **Thrown** for a loop

### Lions mailbag: Does Jared Goff return in 2023?

**Dave Birkett** 

**Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK** 

I didn't win the delayed \$1.9 billion Powerball drawing Tuesday, sadly for my heirs, but I hit the mailbag lottery with your questions this week. Let's hop in.

Do you think Goff is on the Lions roster next season? — @crowlick

It's been an interesting half-season for Lions quarterback Jared Goff, who played well enough in the first month that he looked like he might stick around for a few years, but has struggled badly enough in the four games since that it seems obvious the Lions will be looking for his replacement come spring, whether quarterbacks coach Mark Brunell wants to acknowledge that or not.

I think the final nine games will determine Goff's future in Detroit, though if I had to guess right now I'd lean toward him returning for one more season. The Lions absolutely need to find a young quarterback to build around, but there's no guarantee they will be in position to land one in the draft, and I don't see many other viable alternatives out there.

If the Lions own the first or second pick of the draft or are able to swing a deal to acquire one of those choices before the start of the 2023 league year, the decision is easy. Goff is due a \$20.65 million contract next season, has a \$5 million roster bonus due in March, and the Lions could free up roughly \$20 million in cap space by letting him go.

If the Lions don't have a top pick, cutting Goff becomes more difficult because the team still may need a bridge to its future or someone it believes can win in the present. There is no obvious Deshaun Watson/ Russell Wilson-type veteran that will be on the move next spring, and the potential free agent options — Baker Mayfield, Jimmy Garoppolo, Jacoby Brissett —  $\,$ are Goff-esque.

I do not believe the Baltimore Ravens will let Lamar Jackson become an unrestricted free agent, so I'm not including him as an option, and the Geno Smith-Seattle Seahawks pairing looks too perfect to break up. A lot can change between now and March, so this is a better question for after the season. But I wouldn't be surprised if Goff returns for one more year.

Dave, it seems with a weaker schedule over the last 1/3 of the season Detroit may play itself out of QB contention. What's the play if they end up 7-13 in the draft? - @MatthewAPaulso1

I still think a quarterback could be in play in that range for the Lions, if the draft grades for Kentucky's Will Levis check out. Levis is big, strong-armed and mobile. I doubt he'll surpass Alabama's Bryce Young or Ohio State's C.J. Stroud in the prospect pecking order, but he certainly feels like a first-round pick.

The Lions, don't forget, also have the Los Angeles Rams' first-round choice, which opens plenty of possibilities. They could try and package both picks to move up if they fall in love with a quarterback (though they'd likely need the Jacksonville Jaguars to leapfrog the Houston Texans or Carolina Panthers in the draft order for that to happen). Or they could take the two best defensive players available and try to bling out that



Lions quarterback Jared Goff makes a pass against Packers linebacker Kingsley Enagbare during the first half of last Sunday's win at Ford Field. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Door No. 3 might actually be the best option, taking Levis and a defensive player, in whatever order the draft winds dictate.

The Lions badly need a young signal-caller, but they have enough holes that adding a top-notch defender in that 7-13 range would feel pretty good, too.

Was health really an issue (with D'Andre Swift) or are the Lions being too careful with their "star" running back? He looked fine during the game, yet only got 7 targets compared to 10 the week before vs the Dolphins. Duce mentioned it's "a process", but something isn't adding up. — Ken Sussex

Ken sent this question via email as part of a longer query about Swift, but it sums up what he and others on Twitter have asked as Swift has battled injuries this season: How and where does Swift fit into the Lions' short- and long-term plans?

First, yes, Swift still is battling shoulder and ankle injuries. That's why his snaps have been limited the past two weeks. The Lions have tried to optimize his workload by putting him in situations and giving him plays where there is the potential for big or important gains. Four of his six touches/targets in last week's win over the Green Bay Packers (including one that was nullifed by penalty) came on the plus side of the field or at the 50-yard line, and he averaged 10 yards a play when he touched the ball.

Jamaal Williams has run well as the lead back in Swift's absence and will continue in that role for the foreseeable future, at least until Swift's health prob-

As for Swift's long-term future in Detroit, he has one more year on his rookie contract and is a difference-maker when healthy. He should remain a part of the offense in 2023, but the Lions can't count on that happening and need to find a back in free agency or the draft with a similar skill set.

Other than injured players, who has been your most disappointing Lion this year? I'd say Alim McNeill —@FriedrichsJk

McNeill has been solid in the middle of the Lions defensive line, but he has not made many impact plays. I understand why you'd say McNeill if you hoped to see more from him as a pass rusher, but I think the most disappointing Lion is obvious: cornerback Ama-

I never saw Oruwariye as a lock-down cornerback, but he had a productive six-interception season in 2021 and was supposed to bring stability to the secondary while Jeff Okudah was making his way back from a torn Achilles. Instead, Okudah has been the Lions' best cornerback this season and Oruwariye has twice been benched from his starting job.

With Jerry Jacobs back and Mike Hughes looking more comfortable on the outside, I doubt we'll see much of Oruwariye at cornerback the rest of the season. For a player who appeared headed for a nice contract extension this offseason, it's been quite the fall

Why does Dan coach like he's playing a video game? -@THEREDRANGER3

The Lions have converted just one of their past 10 fourth down attempts and are 9-for-22 (40.9%) on fourth down tries this season. That may have a video game feel to it, but the reality is most of those decisions were supported by analytics.

Campbell has said he trusts his gut more than he does analytics in those situations, and I think his gut sometimes forgets who he has playing quarterback. But I applaud Campbell's overall approach, despite the numbers, which I think he summed up well when I asked about his decision to go for two instead of kick an extra point after the Lions' first touchdown against the Packers.

"If we had an opportunity to get points, I wanted to get points," he said.

Justin Fields over or under 100 yards rushing against the Lions? Will the Lions employ a spy or not? -@spleen95shortbr

Give me the under. The Bears have started to unlock Fields' potential by embracing his dual-threat ability and they'd be foolish to change that up against a Lions defense that has struggled to defend rushing quarterbacks this season. Smith and Jalen Hurts both had big days on the ground against the Lions, and even Aaron Rodgers scrambled for 40 yards last week.

Still, 100 yards rushing is a lot for a quarterback. I think Fields has a nice day, but I'm leaning toward starting Dak Prescott over Fields on my fantasy team. Put me down for 60 or so yards rushing.

### STATE OF **MICHIGAN** PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate

Estate Of Elizabeth P. Valentine Trust Date of Birth: June, 12 1933

TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Elizabeth P.
Valentine, died 09/24/2022.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to John C. Valentine, Successor Trustee at 1515 2nd Street, Paonia, Colorado \$1428 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: October 27, 2022 Laura Ann Schreiner P56533 800 West Long Lake Road, Suite 230 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 642-1056 John C. Valentine, Trustee 1515 2nd Street, Paonia, Colorado 81428

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### **VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Beverly Hills will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the CDBG Program Year 2023 application to fund eligible projects. All interested residents are requested to attend the hearing. Comments will also be received in writing until Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Please contact (248) 646-6404 or 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 for special services. There is also an option to attend the hearing remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87265092623

Meeting ID: 872 6509 2623 Dial by your location: 1-646-876-9923 (US)

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### **VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 during a regular Village Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 for the purpose of reviewing and receiving comments on the proposed Community Recreation Plan for 2023-2028. A copy of the plan is available in the Office of the Village Clerk or on the Village website (www.villagebeverlyhills.com) for inspection. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk until 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 2022. There is also an option to attend the hearing remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Should you have any statement regarding the above, you are invited to attend the meeting in person or virtually through ZOOM: https://zoom.us/j/655079760 Meeting ID: 655 079 760 You may also present your written statement to the City Commission, City of Birmingham, 151 Martin Street, P.O. Box 3001, Birmingham, Michigan 48012-3001 prior to the hearing.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at  $(248)\ 530-1880$  (voice) or  $(248)\ 644-5115$  (TDD) at least one day in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance

Las personas que requieren alojamiento, tales como servicios de interpretación, la participación efectiva en esta reunión deben ponerse en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario Municipal al (<u>248) 530-1880</u> por lo menos el día antes de la reunión pública. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).

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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2022 – PAGE 1

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud,

Kecskemeti, Mooney, O'Gorman, and White

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell

Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski

Village Attorney, Ryan

Public Safety Director, Torongeau

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Stec

### ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: INTRODUCTION OF NEW PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, MARK STEC

Campbell introduced the new Planning and Zoning Administrator, Mark Stec to the Council. Stec began his role with the Village on October 31, 2022.

Mark Stec was in attendance and was welcomed by the Village Council. He thanked everyone for bringing him on board. He spoke about his experience in both the public and private sectors.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

- 1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held November 15, 2022.
- 2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, November 21 and Monday, December 5, 2022.
- 3. Set public hearing date for January 3, 2023 to receive comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 30; Chapter 22, Section 22.08; and Chapter 22, Section 22.09 of the Municipal Code.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

## PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS' COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2023

Campbell provided an overview. The Village of Beverly Hills has participated in the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for more than 25 years. We are currently in a three-year subrecipient contract with Oakland County to participate in this program.

The Village's estimated allocation for Program Year 2023 is \$12,590.00. The annual CDBG allocation is based on a formula that uses several objective measures of community needs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established three national objectives, at least one of which must be met, to determine eligibility for a community to engage in any specific program. Additionally, the Village must comply with several rules, including a limit on our allocation for public service projects to a maximum of 30% of the total 2023 allocation and a minimum allocation of \$3,500 for each project.

This year Council is being asked to consider allocating funds for Minor Home Repair services and Public Services - Yard Services for low-income and low-moderate-income level citizens. A description of each service is attached. We are recommending allocating \$8,813 for minor home repair and \$3,777 for yard services through the CDBG program. The Village outsources the administration of these programs and Next has been the service provider for many years. Next continues to be a valued partner and ensures the program is administered per the extensive CDBG requirements.

The Village has received a request from HAVEN seeking a contribution for their program that provides services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Due to CDBG requirements and limitations for project funding, we cannot allocate funds to both the Yard Services program and to HAVEN. Therefore, without Council objection, administration is recommending the Village make a General Fund contribution for the same amount, \$3,777.00, to HAVEN, as it has done in the past to support their program.

Administration recommended the following is a breakdown of the proposed allocation:

Minor Home Repair \$ 8,813 Public Services – Yard Services \$ 3,777 Total \$12,590

President George opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Cris Braun, Executive Director of Next, Birmingham, Michigan, was in attendance and stated that Next is the contracted provider of the CDBG services for the Village of Beverly Hills. She said Next's needs are growing as the residents' needs grow. She said yard services funding runs out every year. She suggested sending out another letter to residents regarding the availability of Minor Home Repair funding. She stated that Next is committed to serving residents and thanked the Council for their continued support.

No one else wished to make a public comment.

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2022 – PAGE 3

President George closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. on December 6, 2022 for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed use of PY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the approximate amount of \$12,590.00

George suggested allocating more money from the General Fund to Next to help cover the costs of services.

In response, Mooney suggested that a motion and budget amendment for a contribution to Next should be done at a later date.

## REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS' COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2023

The following resolution was offered by Abboud and seconded by Mooney:

Whereas, Oakland County is preparing an Annual Action Plan to meet application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs; and

Whereas, Oakland County has requested CDBG-eligible projects from participating communities for inclusion in the Action Plan; and

Whereas, the Village of Beverly Hills has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing as follows:

President George opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Cris Braun, Executive Director of Next, Birmingham, Michigan, was in attendance and stated that Next is the contracted provider of the CDBG services for the Village of Beverly Hills. She said Next's needs are growing as the residents' needs grow. She said yard services funding runs out every year. She suggested sending out another letter to residents regarding the availability of Minor Home Repair funding. She stated that Next is committed to serving residents and thanked the Council for their continued support.

No one else wished to make a public comment.

President George closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. on December 6, 2022 for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed use of PY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the approximate amount of \$12,590.00; and

Whereas, the Village of Beverly Hills found that the following projects meet the federal objectives of the CDBG program and are prioritized by the community as high priority need.

Account	Project Name	Amount
172170-731227	Minor Home Repair	\$8,813
172160-732170	Public Services – Yard Services	\$3,777

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Beverly Hills' Community Development Block Grant application is hereby authorized to be submitted to Oakland County for inclusion in Oakland County's Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that the Council President is hereby authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or contracts which result from this application to Oakland County.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

### PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE 5-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Campbell provided an overview. The Parks & Recreation Board and Administration have updated the Village's 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. They conducted a survey, gathered community input, made revisions, and presented the draft plan to the public for review.

Procedurally, the draft plan must be made available to the public for review for at least thirty days. Then the Village Council holds a public hearing to receive comments on the plan and formally adopts the plan. After adoption, Administration will submit the updated plan and appendices through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR), online portal. In order to be eligible for grant funding through the DNR, the plan must be submitted by February 1, 2023.

The draft 5-Year Community Recreation Plan was available for public review on the Village website (www.villagebeverlyhills.com) and at the Village Office (18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025) beginning Friday, October 21, 2022. Residents were notified of the draft plan's availability in the newspaper, via the Village's weekly email blast, on the Village Facebook page, and in the December edition of the Villager Newsletter. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk via email at krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com or via mail to 18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 by 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 2022.

At their October 20, 2022 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended that the Village Council set a public hearing date for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. Further, after the public hearing has concluded, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended the Village Council approve the 2023-2028 5-Year Community Recreation Plan as submitted.

A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the 5-Year Plan.

A resolution to adopt the plan was provided for Council's review and consideration following the public hearing.

The draft plan was provided as well. Please note there will be minor technical changes made to the Plan due to Council and staffing changes that occurred between the time the draft was published and the time it will be submitted, such as the organizational chart. These changes will not impact the content of the plan. Additionally, there are several appendices that will not be available until after the public hearing and adoption of the plan.

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2022 – PAGE 5

The Village would like to thank the Parks & Recreation Board members for their contributions to the updated 5-Year Plan. Additionally, the Village thanks all of the community members who provided feedback along the way.

George opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Stacey Liddell, Sunnyslope Drive, commented on the 5-Year Plan's mention of more education and signage for the Hidden Rivers Nature Preserve. She noted that Hidden Rivers is a valuable open space and the public should know that it was dedicated as a nature preserve, not a recreation area. She stated the nature preserve is intended for wildlife, not people or passive recreation. She did not agree that there should be more signage. She expressed concern about the impacts of increased traffic in the area.

No one else wished to be heard, so George closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Kecskemeti asked Ryan about the term "nature preserve." Ryan stated that nature preserves can allow public access to a degree.

Hrydziuszko thanked the Parks & Recreation Board for conducting a survey and research. She thanked the Board and the community for the continued discussion around the 5-Year Plan. She commended them on a job well done.

White echoed Hrydziuszko's sentiments and said it was great to see all the hard work that went into updating the plan.

George stated that the Parks & Recreation Board put in a ton of work updating the plan. He noted the updated plan is required to be submitted to receive grants from the state. He said having a robust plan is important. He appreciates everyone's work.

O'Gorman reminded everyone that the Parks & Recreation Board is made up of unpaid volunteers. He said hats off to all for their work.

## REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 5-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

The following resolution was offered by Hrydziuszko and seconded by Abboud:

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 to 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills began the process of developing a Community Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Beverly Hills were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 6, 2022 in the Village of Beverly Hills Council Chamber to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has developed the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Village of Beverly Hills; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Beverly Hills Village Council voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Beverly Hills Council hereby adopts the Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

## REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARKS & RECREATION BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE A MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT APPLICATION

Campbell provided an overview. The Parks & Recreation Board has discussed applying for grants to cover the cost of the new Beverly Park playground equipment and installation. Funding opportunities are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Spark Grant Program. The application requires a resolution of authorization from the municipality's highest governing body. While a match is not required, it is recommended. There is currently \$150,000 budgeted for the playground replacement in the current fiscal year.

At their November 17, 2022 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended the Village Council pass the resolution below authorizing the Village of Beverly Hills to apply for a Michigan Spark Grant, Application #ARPA-0188. The Board recommended applying for a \$500,000 grant with a match of \$125,000. Funds for the match are available in 208-900-986.00 (Capital – Park Equipment).

Campbell noted that the playground is an eligible project to receive funding from this grant from the state. He said the turn-around time is rather quick and funds will be released in early 2023.

Hrydziuszko noted that the estimated cost for the playground equipment, surface, and installation is about \$500,000.

Kecskemeti commented on playground inspections.

White noted that the deadline for the Spark Grant application is December 19, 2022. He asked if the project would be completed by the 2026 deadline. Campbell confirmed it would be completed before 2026.

George thanked Administration for putting the application together.

The following resolution of authorization was offered by Kecskemeti and seconded by Hrydziuszko:

WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills Village Council supports the submission of an application titled, "Beverly Park Playground (ARPA-0188)" to the Spark grant program for the purchase and installation of a new playground at Beverly Park located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$125,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$500,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$125,000 (20% match) of a total \$625,000 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

## REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARKS & RECREATION BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE BEVERLY PARK PLAYGROUND

Campbell gave an overview. The Parks & Recreation Board has been discussing different grant opportunities available to help cover the cost of the new Beverly Park playground. While some grant programs require a specific resolution of authorization, others do not. However, it is beneficial to include a resolution of support and/or letters of support with any grant application.

At their November 17, 2022 meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board recommended the Village Council pass a blanket resolution supporting the Village of Beverly Hills' grant applications for a new playground at Beverly Park. The resolution of support does not include a financial obligation from the Village. A suggested resolution is below for consideration.

Council discussed whether a line about a financial obligation should be included in the resolution.

Abboud expressed hesitation about passing a blanket resolution.

Mooney noted the intent of the resolution was to show general support for playground grant applications, so individual resolutions do not have to come before the Council at every meeting.

Hrydziuszko added that this general resolution of support would allow Administration to meet upcoming deadlines.

Kecskemeti noted that there could be other, smaller grant opportunities down the road that have not yet been identified.

White stated that grants are great and that Administration should go for the opportunities.

The following resolution of support was offered by O'Gorman and seconded by Hrydziuszko:

WHEREAS, the Beverly Hills Village Council supports the submission of an application to a grant program for the purchase and installation of a new playground at Beverly Park located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of the Village of Beverly Hills; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby supports the Village of Beverly Hills' grant application for a new playground at Beverly Park located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

## ACCEPT BENJAMIN WILENSKY'S RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FIRST ANNOUCEMENT OF A VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Campbell made the first announcement of a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Benjamin Wilensky recently submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission effective immediately because he is moving out of Beverly Hills. This creates a vacancy on the Planning Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2025.

The Planning Commission generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The Planning Commission advises Council regarding the proper physical development of Beverly Hills. The Commission recommends ordinances or amendments to existing ordinances. It also makes recommendations on zoning changes, site plan developments, and special approval uses.

All interested and eligible residents of Beverly Hills are encouraged to apply to become a member of the Planning Commission. Applications are available on the Village website or by emailing the Village Clerk at krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com. Applications may be submitted to the Clerk's office via email, regular mail, in person, or using the drop box located outside the Village office (18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025).

Applications are due Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

This constitutes the first announcement of a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Beverly Hills Village Council accepts Benjamin Wilensky's resignation from the Planning Commission and makes the first announcement of a vacancy on the Planning Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2025.

Motion passed.

## CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(C)

The following resolution was offered by Mooney and seconded by Hrydziuszko:

WHEREAS, at the regular Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, Village Council desires to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Beverly Hills hereby agrees to meet in Closed Session, as permitted by the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268(c) during the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 8:20 p.m., Michigan Time, at the Village of Beverly Hills, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan, 48025. The purpose of the Closed Session is to discuss collective bargaining strategy and negotiations with the Village Labor Attorney, Ms. Gouri Sashital.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

The Council entered Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

# REVIEW AND CONSIDER RATIFYING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS AND MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE AS BARGAINING AGENT FOR THE BEVERLY HILLS PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Campbell provided a summary of the tentative agreement with the Public Safety Officers Association. On November 14, 2022, the parties reached a tentative agreement, which was ratified that same day by the Union. The Administration recommends ratification of the tentative agreement, which was discussed in closed session as part of negotiations.

Sashital noted that this would be a 3-year contract between the Village and the PSO Association.

The Council thanked Sashital and Administration for their work during negotiations.

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills approves and ratifies the tentative agreement between the Village of Beverly Hills and Michigan Association of Police as bargaining agent for Beverly Hills Public Safety Officers Association.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (7-0)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

14 Mile Construction Update - The Village of Beverly Hills and our engineer met with the 14 Mile Road contractor on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 for a construction update. The Contractor opened 14 Mile Road to two-way traffic on Wednesday, November 23. The contractor still has miscellaneous items of work (shoulder and site restoration, clean up, pavement striping, etc.) to fully complete this project. To complete this work the contractor may temporarily close a portion of a lane. During this time the contractor will provide flag personnel to direct traffic around this temporary closure. Please use caution when driving through these areas, 14 Mile Road between Lahser and Evergreen is still considered a construction zone. There will be no temporary closures left overnight, 14 Mile Road will return to unimpeded two-way traffic at the end of each day.

Yard Waste - Yard waste collection will end the week of December 12th, 2022. Please place yard waste in approved containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. There are free "Yard Waste" stickers available for residents at the Village Office. Yard waste collection will resume in April 2023.

CVTRS Program - Please be advised that the Michigan Legislature continued the City, Village and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. The law required each local unit to create and submit user-friendly tools designed by the State of Michigan to increase local government transparency and accountability. Included in these tools are a Performance Dashboard, Citizen's Guide, Projected Budget Report and Debt Service Report. These documents are published on the Village website at https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/government/evip.php.

Newsletter - The December 2022 Village Newsletter should be arriving in your mailboxes soon. It is also posted on the homepage of the Village's website, www.villagebeverlyhills.com, under "Quick Links."

Calendars - The 2022 Village Calendar is in production and will be mailed out to each residence before the end of the month. We will make an announcement when we have extra calendars available at the Village office.

Holiday Office Closures -The Village Office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates: Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26
Friday, December 30
Monday, January 2

Kecskemeti asked for an update on the MS4 permit requirement Ordinance amendments. Campbell stated that the changes will be published on the Village website. Kecskemeti encouraged everyone to take a look at the changes and have a thoughtful discussion on them.

Kecskemeti said that Christmas tree pickup and chipping should run longer than two weeks.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

White stated that he attended the Michigan Municipal League's session for newly elected officials and he learned a lot. He said that the sled hill looks much better now that the buckthorn has been

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removed from it. He said the playground examples that were presented at the last Parks & Recreation Board meeting were very creative.

Kecskemeti congratulated the Groves girls' basketball team on their recent win.

O'Gorman extended his thanks to the volunteers on the Parks & Recreation Board for their continued work in the community.

Abboud commented on SEMCOG's carbon monoxide grant program. He recommended Council members attend MML's weekender educational events. He thanked Wilensky for his service on the Planning Commission. He was excited to be a judge for the Metamora holiday lights contest.

Hrydziuszko thanked Ms. Mojak and Mr. Tobaben for helping her hang holiday lights at Beverly Park.

George thanked Administration for getting to the finish line with the PSO contract.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George

**Council President** 

Kristin Rutkowski

Village Clerk



### RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

The following motion was offered by Bresnahan and seconded by Bayless:

The Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council set a public hearing date for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments on the proposed 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. Further, after the public hearing has concluded, the Parks & Recreation Board recommends the Village Council approve the 2023-2028 5-Year Community Recreation Plan as submitted.

Passed and approved on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTATIONS: 0** 

ABSENT: 2

STATE OF MICHIGAN ) ss

COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board, Oakland County, Michigan, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, the original of which is on file in my office.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

Kristin Rutkowski, Village Clerk



### RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

The following resolution was offered by Hrydziuszko and seconded by Abboud:

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 to 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills began the process of developing a Community Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Beverly Hills were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 6, 2022 in the Village of Beverly Hills Council Chamber to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has developed the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Village of Beverly Hills; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Beverly Hills Village Council voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Beverly Hills Council hereby adopts the Village of Beverly Hills Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Passed and approved on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTATIONS: 0
STATE OF MICHIGAN

)ss COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, the original of which is on file in my office.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature this  $7^{th}$  day of December 2022.

Kristin Rutkowski, Village Clerk

