

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, O’Gorman, and Peddie

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell via Zoom
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau
Interim Planning/Zoning Administrator, Brown

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 Peddie, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Webster, Balmoral, commented on the Birmingham Country Club’s request to expand and stated they have not reached out to the Beverly Hills neighbors yet. He would like to ask Council to pass a resolution in opposition to their expansion. He thinks parking and stormwater studies should be reviewed by Bloomfield Township. He said he has met with the neighbors north of 14 Mile Road and believes they would be negatively impacted as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held June 21, 2022.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Tuesday, July 5, 2022.
3. Review and consider annual funding request from the Bloomfield Birmingham Community Coalition.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS TO PLACE OKTOBERFEST SIGN AT SOUTHFIELD ROAD AND DUNBLAINE AVE.

Administration received an annual request from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs asking for permission to place a sign in the public right of way on the west side of Southfield Road at the intersection of Dunblaine Avenue. The sign is for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs’ Oktoberfest event scheduled for September 30th and October 1st. They have requested to put the sign out on Friday, September 2nd and stated that it would be removed no later than Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

Mike Hughes was present on behalf of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and spoke about the request. He invited the entire community to attend the Oktoberfest event and said he appreciates the Council's continued support.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to place their Oktoberfest event sign in the public right of way at the Southfield Road and Dunblaine Avenue intersection from September 2 to October 5, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE RIVERSIDE PARK FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PP PUBLIC PROPERTY

Campbell provided an overview of the requests to rezone Riverside Park and Beverly Green to PP Public Property. The Village of Beverly Hills has initiated a request to rezone Riverside Park (Parcel ID: TH-24-02-151-017) from R-1 Single Family Residential to PP Public Property. Currently, this park is zoned residential and not uniform to how the other Beverly Hills parks and nature preserves are zoned.

Riverside Park is currently zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. Riverside Park is a .34-acre park primarily used for picnicking, fishing and as a kayaking launching point. It is located east of Evergreen Road on Riverside Drive. It abuts a pond which is part of the Rouge River corridor.

The Village of Beverly Hills has also initiated a request to rezone Beverly Green (Parcel ID: TH-24-01-284-001) from R-2B Single Family Residential to PP Public Property. Currently, this park is zoned residential and not uniform to how the other Beverly Hills parks and nature preserves are zoned.

Beverly Green is currently zoned R-2B Single Family Residential. This newly named 1 acre park is located at Beverly Road and Greenfield Road. As of spring 2022, the Village is working on a design concept to bring landscaping, seating, and a pathway to the park.

The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Village Ordinance requires any request for rezoning of a property be subject to a public hearing and recommendation by the Planning Commission prior to review and consideration by Village Council.

Upon conducting the public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, the Planning Commission determined that the request met the rezoning requirements and made a recommendation to Council to approve the requested rezoning of Riverside Park and Beverly Green.

Ryan stated that since there would be a change to the Zoning Map, the Council should conduct a first and second reading of Ordinances to amend the map. Ryan presented proposed Ordinances and suggested that since the Ordinances were not included in the published meeting packet, that the first reading be pushed back to the next meeting.

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, the Beverly Hills Village Council tables Business Items 2 and 3 regarding the rezoning of Riverside Park and Beverly Green to the July 19, 2022 regular Village Council meeting.

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE BEVERLY GREEN FROM R-2B SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PP PUBLIC PROPERTY

This item was tabled in the abovementioned motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Summer Tax Bills – Tax bills for the summer have been sent out by Southfield Township. Summer Tax bills are due back to Southfield Twp. by Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Village residents will receive both a Township and Village tax bill in the same envelope. Both bills are payable to Southfield Township. The Township office is open to the public. Residents do not need to appear at the Township office to pay the summer taxes. Accordingly:

- Checks can be mailed or left in their drop box located under their message board. Receipts will be mailed or emailed upon request.
- E-check and credit card payment options are available. Additional information is on the back of your statement. There is a fee for this service which they cannot waive.

If you have any questions or concerns or need additional information, please call the Southfield Township office at (248) 540-3420.

Thank You to Janet Mooney – On behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills Administration, I want to publicly thank Janet Mooney for her 15 years of service as the Treasurer for Southfield Township. We are extremely grateful for her service and the assistance she provided to the Village of Beverly Hills staff and community over the years. Thank you, Janet. We wish her the best of luck and hope she enjoys retirement.

Election Workers Needed – Southfield Township is looking for election workers to help with the upcoming elections. The Primary Election is being held on August 2, 2022. Applications to work the election can be found on the Township website at www.southfieldtownship.org/government/clerk/elections. Applications are also available at the Township Office located at 18550 W. 13 Mile Road.

Notice of Temporary Polling Place – Registered voters in Precinct 7 will have a temporary polling place for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. Due to scheduled renovations at Berkshire Middle School, the Precinct 7 voting location will be moved to the Groves High School Auditorium located at 20500 W. 13 Mile Road. Please contact the Southfield Township Clerk’s Office with any questions at (248) 540-3420.

July Park Events – Java & Jazz will be held at the Beverly Park Pavilion on July 17, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Concert in the Park will occur on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 7 to 9 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kecskemeti extended her thanks to Campbell and said she appreciates him being on board. She spoke about the recent Highland Park shooting and a bipartisan gun law that she does not think goes far enough. She said these tragedies could happen here or anywhere. She encouraged people to get involved in the community. She said there is a lot of work to be done and if good people get involved in their communities, they can make a difference.

Peddie thanked Kecskemeti for her words. She thanked Southfield Township Treasurer Janet Mooney for 15 years of service and wished her well.

Abboud thanked Kecskemeti for sharing her thoughts. He thanked residents for supporting him over the last four years and said he intends to run for Village Council again. He thanked Treasurer Mooney for her service to the community.

Hrydziuszko thanked Janet Mooney for her service. She asked about the process to change a street name.

Mooney noted that the process to change a street name is rather difficult which includes a petition and involvement from the United States Postal Service.

George asked administration to lay out the steps for changing a street name. He thanked Janet Mooney for her service and wished her well. He said a reception for Mooney will be held after the July 12th Township Board meeting. He enjoyed the jazz event at Beverly Park on the 4th of July. He said he attended Oak Park's 4th of July parade and had a good time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk