

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau

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 led by Scout Emilio Benavente and Scout Matt Ziegele from Troop 1024 and recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: UPDATE FROM BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REBEKAH CRAFT

Baldwin Public Library Director, Rebekah Craft, attended the meeting via Zoom and gave a presentation about the library. She provided background information, budgetary goals, an overview of the library’s collection, and spoke about the Idea Lab. She gave an overview of Phase 3 of Baldwin’s renovation plans which include: an addition, interior renovations, an accessible street-level entrance, an upgraded plaza and landscaping, quiet rooms, and a Café & Collaboration space. The construction is scheduled to begin in July 2023. She said she appreciates the ongoing partnership between Baldwin Public Library and the Village of Beverly Hills.

George thanked Craft for her presentation and said he is happy that Beverly Hills residents are utilizing Baldwin Public Library.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dick Maxwell, Walmer, commented on Mission Point’s alleyway that leads to the Market Fresh parking lot and thinks it needs to be repaired. He asked that the Village be fair.

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 July 5, 2022.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, July 18, 2022.
3. Review and consider Parks & Recreation Board’s recommended inclement weather policy.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER EMILIO BENAVENTE’S EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL TO INSTALL BIRDHOUSES IN BEVERLY HILLS PARKS

Emilio Benavente presented an Eagle Scout project proposal at the June 16, 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting to build and install birdhouses at Beverly Hills parks. The Board offered comments to Mr. Benavente and unanimously recommended Council approve his request.

Emilio Benavente, Riverside Drive, Troop 1024, was in attendance to present his proposal. The proposal is to build and install 10-15 birdhouses with varying size entry holes and at varying heights for different kinds of birds such as Woodpeckers, House Sparrows, and Robins. Installation would occur in Beverly Hills parks. He plans to make ready-to-assemble kits. Volunteers will assist in the assembly and installation of the birdhouses and other members of the troop and volunteers will contribute tools and labor. His target for installation and completion for the service project is spring 2023. The estimated cost is \$14 per bird house, so between \$140 and \$210 total.

Mooney asked which Troop in the U.S. is the best. Benavente responded that Troop 1024 is the best Troop.

Aboud asked about funding and said he appreciated that Benavente would be using cedar wood since it is weather resistant.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves Emilio Benavente’s Eagle Scout Proposal to install birdhouses in Beverly Hills parks and authorizes Administration to provide reimbursements from the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER MATT ZIEGELE’S EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A FLAG RETIREMENT BOX AT BEVERLY PARK

Matt Ziegele presented an Eagle Scout project proposal at the June 16, 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting to build and install a Flag Retirement Box at the Beverly Park pavilion. The Board offered comments to Mr. Ziegele and unanimously recommended Council approve his request.

Matt Ziegele, Waltham, Troop 1024, was in attendance and presented his Eagle Scout project proposal for a U.S. Flag collection campaign and a permanent drop box at the Beverly Park pavilion. Flags collected in the box will be honorably retired at Scout summer camp. He spoke about Flag Etiquette and the proper way to retire a flag.

Mooney asked about Ziegele’s badges and asked which Troop in the U.S. is the best. Ziegele stated that Troop 1024 is the best Troop.

Aboud asked about the specifications of the box. Ziegele demonstrated the size of the flag retirement box and said there would be a lock on it.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves Matt Ziegele's Eagle Scout Proposal to install a Flag Retirement Box at the Beverly Park pavilion and authorizes Administration to provide reimbursements from the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$400.00.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 381 TO REZONE RIVERSIDE PARK FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PP PUBLIC PROPERTY

Campbell provided an overview. This item was tabled at the previous meeting. 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 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.

Ryan noted that Riverside Park is a longstanding park but has never been rezoned as such.

Abboud asked if there were any ramifications to changing this zoning designation. Ryan stated that it would make it official public property and would allow for more grant opportunities.

Dick Maxwell, Walmer, commented on dredging the pond and private property lines.

Ryan gave the first reading of Ordinance 381 to amend Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Beverly Hills Zoning Ordinance to rezone Riverside Park from R-1 Single Family Residential to P-P Public Property.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 382 TO REZONE BEVERLY GREEN FROM R-2B SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PP PUBLIC PROPERTY

Campbell provided an overview. This item was tabled at the previous meeting. The Village of Beverly Hills has 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 Beverly Green.

Ryan gave the first reading of Ordinance 382 to amend Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Beverly Hills Zoning Ordinance to rezone Beverly Green from R-2B Single Family Residential to P-P Public Property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Staff Update – We are in the process of interviewing for the Department of Public Works Director position. Tom Trice, the interim DPW Director, and other staff members are assisting the Village Manager with the hiring process. We hope to have a director hired in the next few weeks and in the office just after Labor Day.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Council Meeting – The next scheduled Village Council Meeting is set for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday because Michigan's Primary Election occurs on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Please remember to vote. As a reminder, if your normal voting location is Berkshire Middle School, Precinct 7, you will be voting at the Groves Auditorium. Berkshire Middle School is under construction. If you have additional questions regarding voting, please call the Southfield Township Clerk at 248-540-3420.

Residential Water Testing – The Village will be conducting our annual round of water testing for EGLE lead and copper testing in late August. We will be conducting a minimum of thirty (30) tests. The Village has a list of residences that have previously been tested and approved by EGLE for inclusion in our sampling list. We are in the process of reaching out to those residences in this round of testing. As we have done in previous years, we will offer testing to any resident who requests it and will provide them with the results. If anyone is interested in being included in this round of testing, please contact the Village office at 248-646-6404.

Bingham Farms Family Fest – The Bingham Farms Village Manager Ken Marten has cordially invited all Beverly Hills residents to Bingham Farms' Second Annual Family Fest. The festival is on August 13, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will occur at Jamestowne South lot, 24255 Thirteen Mile Rd (Parking available at Bingham Center, 30800 Telegraph Rd). The festival will include live musical performances, petting zoo and pony rides, a climbing wall, a village open house, a dessert truck, and much more.

Campbell thanked the Scouts for attending the meeting and for their participation in the community.

Peddie asked about water testing and if it would be on going. Campbell said that as far as we know, testing will continue.

Mooney clarified with Public Safety Director Torongeau that the Department is prepared for a safe election on August 3rd.

Kecskemeti asked about police activity on the east side of the Village. Campbell stated that the Public Safety Department is collaborating with neighboring departments regarding larceny from vehicles. He reminded residents to keep their vehicles locked.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kecskemeti thanked Scouts Benavente and Ziegele for their project proposals. She said she is always super proud of the scouts in this community.

Abboud stated that he will be attending the MML Elected Officials Academy's upcoming meeting. He was recently voted as a member of the Regional Clearing House committee. He stated that the Scouts continue to do great projects.

Mooney said that Troop 1024 is part of a mosaic of community service for Beverly Hills. He stated that Janet Mooney is retiring after serving 15 years as the Southfield Township Treasurer. She previously served as a trustee on the Township Board. She has provided outstanding community service over the past three decades. He recapped the July 12, 2022 Southfield Township Board meeting where many people showed up to wish Janet Mooney well. He talked about her involvement in the community as a Room Mom, on field trips, event planning, BHLL girls' softball, Girl Scouts, on the Parks & Recreation Board, and on Council. He stated that Janet Mooney was pushing for sidewalks before sidewalks were cool. Her time serving as Treasurer has benefited the Village of Beverly Hills and she has collected taxes for the Village at no cost to the Village. Mooney stated that he is proud to be known as Janet Mooney's husband.

Hrydziusko congratulated Janet Mooney on her retirement. She stated that the next Concert in the Park will be held on Friday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. and should be a lot of fun.

George said that he attended the Java and Jazz event on Sunday and it was a lovely way to spend the morning. He wished Janet Mooney well. He appreciated the Troop 1024 proposals. He said that from an intra-community policing standpoint, there are sometimes things that the Department cannot discuss publicly during an ongoing investigation. He noted infrastructure needs and projects on the horizon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk