

Park Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Call to Order

- 7:04 pm.
- Park Board members present: Matrona Malik, Linda Kurtos, Michael Ganz, and Rafi Wilkinson.
- Town Council members present: Greg Brown.
- Others present: Candice Smith (ABSR Environmental Committee), Adam Peterson (ABSR Program Committee), and five members of the American Lituanica Club of Beverly Shores.
- Approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2016 (no January meeting).

Business

- Congratulations to Linda Kurtos as the newest Park Board member!
- Lituanica Park is 50 years old this summer!
- Elections. Rafi was elected as president and Matrona unanimously as vice-president.
- Meeting Minutes. The board tabled the approval of past meeting minutes because Linda had not been given a copy. The board will approve the December and February minutes in March (no meeting was held in January).
- ABSR Environmental Committee. Candice Smith, speaking on behalf of the committee, would like to host one or more invasive plant removal days at Lituanica Park. The board unanimously agreed and will partner with the Environmental Committee and ERG to make the event(s) successful. The park board will supply herbicide and a backpack sprayer. Candice also asked permission to install dog poop bag stations at Rebora Plaza, Lituanica Park, and four-corners. The Environmental Committee will maintain the stations and refill the bags. Exact locations will be agreed upon later. The Park Board unanimously approved.
- Lituanica Park Sign. The Lituanica Club presented several concept drawings for a stone sign to be installed at Lituanica Park. Last year, the Park Board had unanimously voted in favor of allowing the club to install the sign. The Park Board is pleased with the sign concepts. The Lituanica Club and Park Board will schedule a meeting to decide on an exact installation location this summer. The desire is to install the sign before the club's August 5 picnic. The Park Board cannot help with the cost of the sign or installation at this time due to our limited budget.
- Budget. Rafi presented the 2017 budget. The Park Board maintained its appropriation spending levels in 2017 for mowing, insurance, and utilities. The operating budget was slashed to just \$280. This is very disappointing. The board currently has \$3,700 in a beach access grant, which must be used on items such as stairs. The board also has \$8,000 in non-reverting donations, of which approximately \$3,000 is earmarked for tennis court repairs.
- Beach Ordinances. The board discussed cleaning up the town's beach ordinances with regards to the storage of watercraft, the ability to remove non-registered and/or illegally stored watercraft, and the removal of all watercraft in the winter. The board also wanted to update the definitions of what types of crafts must be registered and what is a personal watercraft. The board unanimously agreed to draft a proposed ordinance change document and sent it to the Plan Commission for consideration.
- Town Cleanup Day. The Park Board is grateful to again be part of ABSR's Town Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 20. The board will work with ABSR to organize a Lituanica Park workday similar to last year.
- ABSR Summerfest. Adam Peterson, representing the ABSR, asked for update on electrical at Rebora Plaza before Summerfest. Last year, the addition of new food trucks and vendors caused certain breakers to trip. The Park Board agreed to work with ABSR to come up with a solution.

- Lituanica Park Initiatives. Rafi presented a list of proposed restoration and enhancement projects for Lituanica Park in 2017. The board unanimously agreed to spend \$1,000 to remove the hazardous dead cottonwood tree next to the playground. The board unanimously agreed to allow an Eagle Scout project which would re-shingle the gazebo, fix the four tennis court benches, and weather seal all wooden benches and structures. Other projects include adding a water spigot to the park and fixing the basketball rims to regulation height (they are currently 7" too tall).
- Park Board Liability Waiver. Does the town want volunteers to sign a liability waiver for workdays held on town property such as Lituanica Park? The park board will ask the Town Council and town attorney for advice.

Public Requests

The following event requests were unanimously approved:

- Lituanica Park, April 17, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, ABSR Easter Egg Hunt.
- Reborá Plaza, May 20, ABSR Town Clean Up / Cook Out.
- Reborá Plaza, May 29, 7:30 am - 10:30 am, ABSR Memorial Day Coffee.
- Reborá Plaza, June 15, 4:00 am - 10:30 am, ABSR Necktie 5K Walk & Run.
- Reborá Plaza, July 29, ABSR Summer Fest.
- Lituanica Park, August 5, American Lituanica Club of Beverly Shores Picnic.
- Lituanica Park, October 28, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, ABSR Halloween.

Adjournment

- 8:22 pm.
- Minutes by Matrona Malik.

Approved by Rafi Wilkinson, President.

