

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

November 9, 2015

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chair, Connie Velliquette, Sally Dunn, Michele DeLaney, & Garnet Francis.

ALSO PRESENT: Jake Sorosiak, Community Education, Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chairman John Mohr, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by DeLaney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A resident contacted the Township to complain about a tree at the park in Centennial Village which is dead and has a split in it. He is afraid it is going to fall. Mohr will go and look at it. Francis reported that Tim Hott, the seasonal park maintenance worker is done for this year as of Oct. 26, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's report with expenses totaling \$1,071.77. Motion carried on a roll call as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak reported fall sports have ended and Basketball for K-3rd grade has begun. He invited the Park Board members to come watch a basketball game (MRE on Saturdays between 8:30 and 2:30 through Dec. 19th).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park –

Report on Meeting with Gail Keane & Christy Whitson Re: Temperance Day- Velliquette met with Keane, Whitson, and a few other TAC members. Whitson is to get a plan in writing with exactly what she plans on doing at future Temperance Days. Velliquette asked for it by the Park's December meeting.

Outside Light Replacement on CC Building – Francis had a resident comment on the bad lighting outside Carr Community Center. This is an ongoing problem, as these lights probably need to be replaced. Mohr will contact Taulbee Electric to look at them and see about replacing them with lights with sensors.

Samaria Park – Francis reported all looks good and clean at the park.

White Park – DeLaney reported the water is now shut off and the bathrooms are completed. Velliquette mentioned she feels there is a need for a four foot fence between the pickleball and tennis courts. Dunn

suggested the pickleball and tennis court nets be taken down and stored for the winter months.

Parmelee Park – Mohr had questions about the power box belonging to Buckeye Cable located on park property. Francis will try to find out when this was put in and if it was part of a contract.

Indian Creek Park – Quiet and all looks fine.

Ansted Park- Francis spoke on the issue of the Park Board seeking bids for the farming section. It was decided Francis will put an ad in the next issue of the Bedford Now and on the website. She will also see if Rob Clare is available to make a presentation to the Board at the Dec. meeting as he has come in to the township numerous times to inquire about farming this land.

Adopt-A-Park – Dunn will be meeting with Country Kids 4-H members on Dec. 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Samaria Park to present the Adopt-A-Park program.

Signage and crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks – Dunn is getting estimates from other companies for the Indian Creek signage and checking on other possibilities for sidewalk requirements for crosswalks.

Winter Indoor Pickleball – Sorosiak has reserved the DRE gym on Fridays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for indoor pickleball. It will be free for participants and two courts will be set up. Bill Troup has offered to donate the nets and be responsible for taking care of the medical forms, setting up the gym, etc. Velliquette has set up two pickleball clinics in the spring at White Park; one for beginners on April 21st from 5:00-6:30 and one for intermediate players on April 28th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Connie Mierzejewski (USAPA Pickleball Ambassador) has volunteered to help. Velliquette and Mohr have a meeting set up with Reed and Sorosiak to discuss putting this information in the Comm. Ed. brochure.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ron Koch, School Board President: Updated the Park Board on school accomplishments. He is extremely excited about the all-inclusive “shipyard” playground at DRE.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Dunn: None.

Velliquette: Thanked all Veteran’s, especially wounded Vets – so many gave so much.

DeLaney: None.

Francis: Reminded other Board members to bring paperwork and ideas to next meeting.

Mohr: The next meeting will be a workshop meeting, will be open to the public, and will meet downstairs at the Bedford Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

November 16, 2015 – **6:00 p.m.** – Meeting of the Whole

November 30, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – rescheduled, due to the Thanksgiving holiday

December 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.