

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
September 10, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair; Connie Velliquette, Sally Dunn, Rusty Wilke.

Also Present: TC Clements

Excused: Nancy Crandell; Joan Dunton.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Goodridge with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette to move 9a and 9b below 9i, under Old/New Business, seconded by Dunn, to approve the agenda of the September 10, 2018, Park Board meeting as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2018, Park Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period were \$2,142.57. Wilke mentioned the Perf-A-Lawn charges. These were not for all parks; both \$350 and \$195 amounts were for Ansted Park. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education: No report.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old/New Business:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Mannick & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) sent material regarding Park Planning Services for the Wheeler Preserve and Carr's Grove Park with specific plans for each facility. Lucie Fortin, MSG Project Manager was present for discussion on the proposal to develop Master Plans for both facilities. The master plan for Carr's Grove Park would include reorganization of the parking area and tennis courts; replacement of the chain link fence with a more aesthetically pleasing low fence; development of a central community gathering place; improvement of the pedestrian connection to downtown Temperance; and possible new park facilities such as a walking path, picnic shelter, sand volleyball, pickleball courts and/or other. The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has indicated that the

Carr's Grove cell tower park conversion will be remedied by the acquisition of the Wheeler Preserve.

Carr's Grove Park was used in Downtown Temperance Days on September 8. Clements mentioned there were about 300 people in Carr's Grove. There was some animosity between some of the people in the park. Clements suggested that we list blackout dates for the park. If anyone wants to use the park on these dates, permission would come from the park board and not from the treasurer's office. Clements suggested the first Saturday in September and the Park Board Fireworks for blackout dates.

- b. **Samaria Park**: Velliquette indicated a retired fireman asked for a reduced rate. Clements suggested a change in policy and give a reduced rate for service and emergency people. This needs to be on the next agenda. Clements indicated the blizzard event may want to create a skating rink. Pirone indicated insurance would have to be obtained.
- c. **White Park**: Velliquette wants stone for better drainage in wet low area at back of White Park.
- d. **Parmalee Park**: Velliquette wants completion date for skateboard park at Parmalee Park. Clements said that a discount should be made if deadlines are not met.
- e. **Indian Creek Park**: Velliquette met with Dee Winkle who wants to donate a tree and bench for her husband. Clements asked about damage and maintenance. He suggested that we might need to think about a Memorial Garden. Wilke said this would be a more uniform and organized memorial! Velliquette emphasized that Indian Creek needs trimming around trees and benches.
- f. **Ansted Park**: The new roof for the shelter has been completed. Discussion followed that the shelter slab needs to be 4" thick; 20' x 30' with six posts.
- g. **Wheeler Property**: The paperwork is almost completed. Three requirements are needed: fencing; hard surface paving for handicapped accessibility, and a concrete bathroom that is handicapped accessible.
- h. **Approval of Park Planning Services by Mannik & Smith for the Wheeler Preserve and Carr's Grove Park**: Time and Materials Fee of \$7,800.00. Motion to accept bid for \$7,800 was made by Velliquette and seconded by Dunn. Roll call with all ayes. Motion carried.
- i. **Approval of Park Planning Services by Mannik & Smith for Wheeler Preserve and Carr's Grove Park**: Wheeler Preserve Access Drive and

Parking Lot Fee of \$6,800. Motion to accept bid for \$6,800 was made by Velliquette and seconded by Wilke. Roll call with all ayes. Motion carried.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: None.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn; all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dr. Sally A. Dunn
Acting Secretary