

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2015

Bedford Township Hall

7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chair; Connie Velliquette; Sally Dunn

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

EXCUSED: Garnet Francis

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, to approve the agenda with the addition of Appointment of Secretary moved from Item 2. to New Business. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015, Park Board meeting. All Ayes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Diver, Eagle Scout candidate, sent a thank you note for the commissioner's help with the installation of the pet waste stations at Indian Creek Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Velliquette reported on the expenses totaling \$25,613.41 and fund balances of \$59,964.28 in the General Fund, \$38,608.96 in the Millage Fund, Prepaid Expenses of \$1,857.37, and \$5,275.00 due from T & A. Velliquette highlighted \$14,250.00 paid to Ace Pyro LLC for fireworks and \$7,000.00 paid to Racquet Sports for pickleball courts installation. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak reported that they are winding down on summer sports. The fall brochure is being compiled with all sports programs available; this will be out in August. Sorosiak is planning a grand opening for introduction of pickleball; he plans to have Connie Mierzejewski from Rossford pickleball at this event! Only one community member came to Walk Bedford on June 26. Discussion followed as to whether the final Walk Bedford should be on the night of the fireworks. Sorosiak said Justin Ridenour, an ambassador for Cub Scout groups, might have ideas for the future. Perhaps a fitness camp could be held instead of a Walk Bedford.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

CARR'S GROVE PARK – Velliquette reported that she stopped earlier and everything looked good. She said she checked the community center and shelter.

SAMARIA PARK – Velliquette reported that they were able to get the water pumped out of the parking lot; there was still a lot of water around the shelter. Mohr drove by on Sunday; water was not as bad around the shelter. Francis left a note regarding the water issue; she said the Drain Commissioner graciously agreed to pump out the water in the parking lot and will try to determine what the problem is. He indicated this is a private drain, so it is the park commission's responsibility to solve the problem.

Mohr reported that Francis had talked with maintenance regarding the ongoing parking problem. Ordinance suggested we put a sign at the entrance of the parking lot; Mohr suggested signs on both sides of the parking lot and will follow up with Ordinance.

WHITE PARK – Velliquette reported that the pickle ball courts are beautiful! Racquet Sports did an excellent job! They charged \$7,000 which was \$400 more than the estimate. She emphasized that we were fortunate to get what they did for \$7,000. They had to dig into rock. They even drilled and anchored one of the tennis court nets that needed fixing. Her husband purchased cement for use during construction of the courts. Yesterday, she saw Joe Blaze and others playing on the courts. Velliquette is getting a price on a fence (with green plastic coating that will not rust) to surround the new courts. She emphasized that the opening to enter the courts should accommodate a wheelchair. Dunn agreed that a person in a wheelchair might want to play pickle ball. Velliquette said she had not yet received a bill from Toledo Caisson Corporation for drilling the pickle ball court post holes.

Mohr reported that Michele Delaney from 3-B will be fixing up the restrooms in the concession building. Money will be donated to complete the work.

PARMELEE PARK – Mohr reported that Parmelee has been very quiet this summer.

INDIAN CREEK PARK – Dunn reported that the green park bench near the swing set is still in need of cementing. She also indicated that the weeds in the creek from the first to the third bridge are still in need of removal. She handed out copies of Bedford Press and Now articles regarding the pet waste installation. She also included articles on the Centennial Village cleanup and ads for the park commissioner opening.

ANSTED PARK – Francis left a note indicating she contacted the Mannik & Smith Group regarding Ansted Park. It has been too wet to apply the lime or to start working on the project. All is on hold until the rain stops and everything dries out.

FIREWORKS – Mohr emphasized that the church members did a great job helping with the cleanup on Saturday morning after the fireworks. Velliquette gave kudos to Alliance Church members who came in raingear very early to help with the cleanup.

Mohr also said it was nice to have help from the fire station personnel in Bedford Township. O'Dell expressed concern about the traffic problem after fireworks are over. He suggested that we need to develop a strategic plan to release the traffic; one-way traffic patterns would help. Velliquette believes the Monroe Sheriff's Department would come to help with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY – Motion by Velliquette to nominate Sally Dunn for secretary, seconded by Mohr, all Ayes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ron Koch, Bedford Schools, reported that the fireworks were very good. He said the portables are gone, and the superintendent's secretary, Stacey Langdon, has left. A new secretary will be hired. He also reminded the members that the 50th anniversary of Bedford High School will be September 25-26.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Mohr thanked Meredith Box for singing the National Anthem at the fireworks.

Velliquette thanked Larry O'Dell for his kind words about the park commission at the township board meeting. She also said that she received a call from Jason Shepherd; Wildwood Church, Douglas Road, will be passing out water on weekends once a month in our parks! She suggested we send the members a thank you note.

Dunn said she will again do her best as secretary. She also thanked Meredith Box for singing the National Anthem at the fireworks; she was excellent.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 PM BY Mr. John Mohr.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally A. Dunn
Park Board Secretary