

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2015

Bedford Township Hall

7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chair; Connie Velliquette; Sally Dunn, Garnet Francis, Michele Delaney

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

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 Francis. All Ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015, regular Park Board meeting. All Ayes. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015, Special Park Board meeting as amended. All Ayes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis reported on the expenses totaling \$5,607.05 and fund balances of \$73,418.92 in the General Fund, \$38,617.13 in the Millage Fund, Prepaid Expenses of \$1,857.37, and \$5,275.00 due from T & A, for Total Park Funds of \$119,168.42. Francis noted that balances are not firm since adjustments will be made since it is year end. Francis highlighted expense payments to Toledo Caisson for White pickleball for \$1,200.00, Fyr-Fyter Sales for inspection of fire extinguishers for \$76.00, Taulbee Electric for repair of lights at Samaria for \$585.00, and Automatic Well for a new pressure tank at Samaria for \$635.10. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Velliquette, Francis, Dunn, Delaney, & Mohr. Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak reported that they are preparing for fall sports for boys and girls of all ages. The goal is to improve events every year. Challenger baseball is a new program for boys and girls with physical or mental disabilities. Francis asked how Sorosiak will send this out to the community. Sorosiak said that one of his coaches has a child with a disability and will help with this. O'Dell suggested that people involved with Special Olympics may be of help. Sorosiak will look into all ideas and mentioned that Douglas Road Church may give us leads.

Sorosiak said he hoped to have a final day of Walk Bedford since we did not have a good turnout on the day of the fireworks. Francis suggested that a Friday right after work would probably be a good idea. Discussion followed with a decision to have the walk begin at 6 PM on August 21 at the Indian Creek Park shelter.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

CARR'S GROVE PARK – Velliquette reported that she was there earlier and inspected equipment. She said that all four of the rubber pulls on the ladder are cracked. Francis said she will go over and take pictures. Velliquette requested that the area around the gazebo be weeded and mulched, and the front entrance to the community center needs a cleanup. She also noted that the florescent light in the hallway by the bathroom entrance is blinking.

Francis reported that she contacted the company who placed cameras at Carr's Grove and Parmelee. We can move the cameras ourselves, or they will help us. Mohr indicated that the cameras at Parmelee also need moving. Mohr said we also need to check whether the remote works for cameras at both locations.

SAMARIA PARK – Francis reported that the lights have been repaired and are functioning well.

Well Issues/Water Issues: Francis reported that the County came out and took five tests needed after we had the issue with the well. The pressure is not holding which causes the pump to run continuously. Francis then called Automatic Well, the same company that finished the well and had a new pressure tank installed. Francis has been purging the well.

Francis reported that one of the community members who has rented Samaria community center for years said that something is wrong with the thermostat and probably needs replacement. She mentioned that the center has usage every weekend through August. The board members agreed to replace the thermostat, and Francis will have maintenance take care of this.

Francis reported that she looked into signage for parking at Samaria but did not locate the type of signs needed. Mohr will check into this. Francis suggested two signs for both Samaria and Carr's Grove. Mohr will look for 12" x 18" signs for under \$20.

WHITE PARK – Mohr asked Delaney to give an update on 3-B repairing the toilets in the concession building. Delaney said that both toilets will be gutted and replaced with new fixtures. Dryers will replace hand towels. This should eliminate the problem of clogging toilets. The rooms will be waterproofed. Francis suggested that the 3-B people monitor the areas better in the future. Delaney said she addressed this with the head of 3-B.

Francis reported that the step came today to replace the broken one on the playscape.

Velliquette presented the estimates for possible new fencing around the pickleball courts. The Marleau Hercules quote for a 114 linear foot of a 6-foot high, galvanized chain link fence with posts set approximately 2 foot deep is \$4,654.00. The Thornton Fence Company quote for a 120 linear foot of a 6-foot high chain link fence is \$2,285.00. Francis expressed concern about the cost. The \$45,000 fund balance will be needed first to cover the unexpected or additional costs of funding the Ansted park expansion. The herbicide alone will cost \$1,300. She suggested waiting until fall before a decision is made on the pickleball fence. Velliquette agreed with Francis.

Dunn passed around a collage of pictures of the construction and finished product of the two pickleball courts that have been sent, along with an article, to The Blade, Bedford Now, and Bedford Press.

Francis reported that the new stepping piece on the White Park playscape has been replaced.

Velliquette reported that Mohr is checking on signage for the pickleball courts from Graphic Signs.

Sorosiak said that the grand opening for the pickleball courts will be in the next community education brochure. Francis indicated this might also be in the township fall newsletter. Mohr suggested that it might be a good idea to have the pickleball grand opening after Labor Day. Discussion followed with a possible date of Sunday, September 13, at 2 PM. Suggestions were made to invite Connie Mierzejewski of Rossford and Mike Yonker of Holland. Velliquette will handle this.

PARMELEE PARK – Mohr reported he was there on Saturday, and it was pretty quiet. There was no one on the skateboard area. Disc golf had about 35 cars there. He said the golfers were cleaning up after their Thursday night league.

Francis reported that there is a leak in the sprinklers somewhere in the main line. This may have occurred as a result of the trenching when the electric line was put in. The water to the drinking fountain has been turned off.

INDIAN CREEK PARK – Alex Woody from Bedford Alliance Church has asked for usage of the park on Sunday, October 11 from 4-7 PM for a Feeding the 50,000 5K Run/Walk. Dunn reported that the weeks are still quite heavy along the creek.

ANSTED PARK – Francis reported that she and Velliquette met with Bob Hamilton and Dave Wehner, from Mannik & Smith Group, and Vern Stephens, from Designs by Nature, on July 29. Mr. Stephens shared much information and ideas for the new park.. Francis reported that the lime has been put on the designated area, and the existing path has been sprayed to kill vegetation. In a few weeks spraying the mowed area with a 3% solution of Roundup with a surfactant will be accomplished. After that we are advised to have a farmer disc the area. We need to monitor the area in the fall for weed growth. Planting of grasses will be done in the spring of 2016, and the wildflower seed will be planted in late fall of 2016. Dunn passed out a proposal to establish a Monarch butterfly habitat at Ansted Park. She included a handout of information about the Monarch butterfly, a National Geographic article on saving the Monarch butterflies, and a Fish and Wildlife Service article on saving the Monarch.

ADOPT-A-PARK – Dunn plans to continue organizing the Adopt-A-Park program this fall.

SIGNAGE AND CROSSWALK AT INDIAN CREEK & WHITE PARKS - Dunn is following up with Gary Harrell of Graphic Signs on the creation and cost of new two-way signage for Indian Creek Park on Douglas Road. Dunn has been in communication with Scott Assenmacher, Highway Engineer, Monroe County Road Commission, with regard to safety concerns on Douglas Road between Indian Creek Park and White

Park. She will be meeting with Mr. Assenmacher and Janeen Abar, Traffic Safety Engineer, in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY – Mohr pointed out that the park board had always had a recording secretary to record the minutes of the park board meetings. Francis reported that Nancy Gin, who works with Francis in the office of township clerk, is willing to do this. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette, to approve Nancy Gin as recording secretary. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Velliquette, Dunn, Francis, Delaney, & Mohr. Nays: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Delaney – I am excited to be on park board and do whatever I can do.

Dunn – Welcome, Michele. I am happy to have you with us.

Velliquette – I recently walked on the high school track. This is in very bad shape. I believe this is something we should be involved in as citizens. If there is fundraising, I believe we should be involved.

Francis – Welcome, Michele. I am glad you are willing to take on Samaria; we will work on it together for awhile. About our concerns on the fireworks, I spoke to Jeff Pauli about traffic control. He was apologetic; they were short one deputy that evening. Pauli will meet with Mohr and Francis to work out a plan for exiting the stadium area after the fireworks.

O'Dell – About the traffic jam, we need to coordinate with officers on what we need. And, I would like to say again that it is always a pleasure to work with the park board.

Sorosiak – Thank you for having me here. Welcome, Michele. You guys do a great job.

Mohr – Welcome, Michele.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM BY Mr. John Mohr.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sally A. Dunn  
Park Board Secretary