

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

November 12, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Connie Velliquette, Rusty Wilke.

Also Present: Nancy Crandell

Excused: Sally Dunn, T.C. Clements

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board agenda of the November 12, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board minutes of the October 29, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$2,530.17. Remaining fund balance \$77,478.41. Question was raised on the \$538.01 expense from Consumers Energy for Carr Park. Wilke will contact Consumers Energy. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: Taylor Myatt, Monroe Conservation District (MAEP) offered tech assistance with best practices in environmentally efficiency. His expertise in forest wetlands offered a Land Management Plan for Ansted Park to manage and assess natural habitat with long range goals and how to manage through the use of a prescribed burn plan. Broke the park into three units with the idea to burn each unit every 3-5 years rotate through each unit per year or do two units together and the 3<sup>rd</sup> unit the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Velliquette stated that they would schedule the burn with the Bedford Township Fire Department. Burning will help control the phragmites and purple leaf stripe and encourage growth of grasses and wildflowers. Also stated timing of fires in spring (Feb – Apr) promotes grasses and fires in fall (Oct – Dec) promote wildflowers. Myatt suggested that the burn go into the woods with the trail as the break to get the invasive species. Motion by Velliquette to accept the Land Management Plan as proposed, seconded by Wilke. Will sign and deliver copy to Myatt on Thursday.
7. Community Education: Indoor Pickleball Program started last Sunday with 16 picklers taking part. Crandell will send copy of proposal and invoice for Parks commitment to Wilke. Crandell also indicated that the Recreation League coordinator was placed on a probation period. The winter brochure will come out in early January.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Ansted Park:** Goodridge stated that Kurt has the ramp frame ready to go when weather permits installation. Velliquette stated that the tree would be moved to the open area in the spring. Approved the Land Management Plan (see above presentation).
  - b. **Samaria Park:** Velliquette stated that the new tree was planted and is ready for the Christmas tree lighting on Friday, November 23 at 7 pm. All are invited. The 20 foot flag pole and ropes have been ordered but need to determine what size flags need to be ordered, Velliquette will talk to Pat. Goodridge received a question from a community member about property lines including the trail behind the diamond? Velliquette indicated that it was part of the park. Velliquette also stated that the area needs to be cleaned and maybe an eagle scout would take on the project.
  - c. **White Park:** Velliquette indicated that paving equipment is being stored at the park while work on Springbook takes place. working on having the trail at the west end regarded with stone. Wilke checked on and questioned grading could cause other issues; he will recheck during a rain. Velliquette suggested adding stone/mills to the 2019 budget.

- d. **Parmelee Park**: Goodridge indicated that the Skate Park will be closed on Tuesday, November 13 for the season. Will talk to Nancy Ginn about getting a key to Kurt to do the repairs (by the end of the year).
- e. **Indian Creek**: Nothing to report.
- f. **Carr's Grove**: Lucy Fortin discussed the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant for the City of Temperance will provide a sidewalk and bike lane from Ivor Lindsay to Carr's Grove. Said they will get an easement but want to remove the current chain link fence at the front of the park and replace it with a more ornamental fence in parts. The cost is covered by the grant but suggest removing the rest of the chain link fence. The easement will be made by the Township Board. No objections were made by the Parks Board. Fortin discussed approaching the church regarding use of their parking lot. Goodridge shared that the church approached him earlier this year regarding sharing costs of updating the parking area due to their shared use. Fortin also discussed the ball field. Velliquette shared that the ball field is a memorial to Paul 's sister but she would talk to the family about any changes if needed. Velliquette also asked that the adult exercise area be updated and possibly incorporated along the path. Fortin will bring concepts and cost estimates so they are ready to start in the new year.
- g. **Wheeler Preserve**: Discussion about the parking lot, bathroom, fencing and approach. Goodridge shared that the parking area was to be stone/mill and that they had switched the area (to where the house had been). Received an estimate for \$42,000 for stone (bare bones) for the 65' x 105' parking area. Need to add signage and barrier. Barrier to be simple and low key (split rail), and include culvert, clearing and paved approach (similar to Ansted Park). Goodridge stated that the stakes are in and ready for next steps. Velliquette, Goodridge will meet with Fortin on Thursday, November 15 at noon to walk the park. Will meet at Ansted first then head to Wheeler. Before then, Fortin will confirm with road commission on placement of stakes for parking lot and approach.
- h. 2019-20 Budget Planning: Velliquette suggested setting a date to begin preliminary budget planning. Set date of November 26 at 6 pm at the Township Hall. Velliquette suggested that each commissioner needs to express ideas and needs for their specific parks in writing to her before the meeting. She will share the form that was used for previous budget planning.
- i. Fireworks Date for 2019: Velliquette reached out to Fireworks Company about setting the date for the 2019 Fireworks show on June 21, 2019 with a rain date of June 22. Will bring the dates for approval to the next meeting.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Velliquette shared article about on phragmites. Goodridge shared the to-do list

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell