

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
January 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison & Cheri Reed, Community Education

EXCUSED: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to open the nomination and to nominate John Mohr for Chairperson. Motion carried. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to close the nomination for Chairperson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mohr, seconded by Francis to open the nomination and to nominate Connie Velliquette for Vice Chair. Motion carried. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to close the nomination for Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to open the nomination for Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to nominate Sally Dunn and to close the nomination for Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Velliquette to open the nomination for Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Velliquette to nominate Garnet Francis and to close the nomination for Treasurer. Motion carried.

ALLOCATION OF PARKS:

Velliquette – Carr Park and the Pickleball aspect of White Park

DeLaney - White Park

Dunn – Indian Creek Park

Mohr – Parmelee Park

Francis – Ansted and Samaria Parks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2015 Park Board meeting with the addition of information supplied by Dunn in regards to how well her Adopt A Park meeting on December 14th, 2015 went with the Country Kids 4H group. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dunn shared two Holiday cards the Park Board received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenses totaled \$2,097.06 which included \$105.00 to repair the pole barn door at Carr Park. Francis reported a \$50.00 donation was received from Robert Nusbaum and \$130.00 was received from the 12 step program that uses Carr CC on Wednesday evenings. The Ansted Park grant money from the DNR for \$50,850.00 has been received. They've withheld 10% until the project is completed. 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: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Reed reported that the Community Ed brochures have been mailed out with the Pickleball Clinic in it, and that open pickleball play is available on Friday nights at the Jr. High. She also invited the Park Board members to the Daddy Daughter Dance being held on Feb. 6th, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park:

Vandalism: More vandalism has been reported. Francis has notified the Sheriff's Department and they have agreed to patrol the area more often.

Cookie will be stripping and cleaning the floors at both Community Centers during the next few weeks while there is no usage.

Samaria Park:

Samaria Days: The Samaria Heritage Group has given permission for The Ladies Auxiliary Post 192 to use the parking lot at Samaria Park on Samaria Days (June 11, 2016) as long as they assume the responsibility of publishing the event.

Partial Refund Request: A recent renter of Samaria CC has requested a partial refund due to the smell of the water. The board decided to deny this request due to the fact that no one was notified on the day of the rental. If they had been notified, they feel they could have corrected this problem for the renter.

Water Testing for 2016: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to have Monroe County Health Department handle the water monitoring of Samaria Park for the year 2016. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

White Park: DeLaney reported that 3B had stone hauled in for the diamonds. Discussion followed regarding thanking the volunteers who helped with the bathroom renovations. Mohr suggested writing an article for the local papers showing appreciation for all the people/groups that donate to the parks and even giving out a number in case someone else would like to donate.

Parmelee Park: The disc golfers are out playing regardless of the weather. Mohr plans to close down the skateboard park now that the winter weather has arrived.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn is concerned with the parking lot. It looks like the stone has all been pushed up against the soccer field fence by the school's building and grounds crew when they were plowing the area.

Ansted Park:

Driveway: The culvert is in and was all paid for by Township funds.

Designs by Nature pricing: Francis contacted Vern at Designs by Nature to discuss his recent proposal and ways to reduce it. Vern suggested not planting the wildflowers in the fall and having the farmer (Rob Clare) disc the area. This brought the price down to \$9735.00, so a down payment of \$5000.00 was made. Velliquette suggested applying for Grant money through the County to help cover the cost of the seeding of wild grasses. DeLaney will work on this.

Limestone has been added to the stone trail but whether this will help will not be known until the Spring.

Adopt A Park: Eight to ten 4H Country Kids have already signed up for the Adopt A Park program and Dunn is hoping to meet with the BHS principal to introduce the program to the High School and Jr. High students.

Signage and crosswalks at Indian Creek & White Parks: Dunn is looking into using coreplast vs. signfoam for the new signage. She is also trying to get permission to fill in the culverts on Douglas Road so maybe she could get short sidewalks and ultimately zebra strips. Dunn is also getting specs on solar light for the crossing area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set 2016-2017 Budget Meeting Schedule: Monday, February 15th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

3-B meeting on 01/25/2016 - Adoption of permit forms and Agreement: This will be a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting with 3-B Baseball to go over their agreement, beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. Francis thanked DeLaney for her help with the Diamond Usage Permit and the Concession Stand Permit. Francis will send Reed a copy of the 3B agreement once it is signed.

Set date for 2016 Fireworks: Francis will talk to Ace Pyro to see if they are available Friday, July 1st, 2016 with a rain date of July 8th, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Velliquette – She will have her computer while she is away, so she will stay “in the loop”.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

January 25th, 2016 – **6:00 p.m.** – Committee of the Whole (with 3B Baseball)
7:00 p.m. – Regularly scheduled meeting
February 8th, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Regularly scheduled meeting
February 15th, 2016 – **6:00 p.m.** – Budget meeting
February 22nd, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Regularly scheduled meeting