

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
January 25, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Sally Dunn, Michele DeLaney, and Garnet Francis, Acting Chairperson.

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison.

EXCUSED: John Mohr and Connie Velliquette.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Garnet Francis Acting Chair, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Total expenses this period were \$1,197.30. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Dunn, DeLaney and Francis. Nays: None. Excused: Mohr and Velliquette.

PRESENTATION:

**Drew Espenshade, Ace Pyro – Fireworks Contract:** He presented and left his proposal and contract for the Board to review at the next board meeting. Dates for the 2016 fireworks were discussed. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to approve the date of June 24th with a rain date of June 25th for the 2016 Fireworks with Ace Pyro. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Dunn, DeLaney and Francis. Nays: None. Excused: Mohr and Velliquette.

**Phillip Wolff, 1682 West Temperance Road, from Eagle Scout Troop 720 –Eagle Scout Project:** Wolff was not present so Francis shared that the three park benches have been completed for Ansted Park and that Wolff has covered the cost of the supplies. The board members decided on the placement of these benches and discussed reimbursing Wolff. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to send Phillip Wolff \$375.00 to pay for the materials he used to construct the three benches for Ansted Park. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Dunn, DeLaney and Francis. Nays: None. Excused: Mohr and Velliquette.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: Francis will reach out to their new director, Lori Speegle.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Carr's Grove Park:** Nothing to report.

**Samaria Park:**

**Response from Renter regarding request for additional refund:** O'Dell suggested a \$50.00 refund be given to her to show goodwill. Motion by Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to refund Melissa Keller \$50.00 with a note indicating that although she did not follow the proper protocol, the board is reaching out in the hopes she continues to support our parks. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Dunn, DeLaney and Francis. Nays: None. Excused: Mohr and Velliquette.

**White Park:** The meeting with 3B Baseball went very well.

**Parmelee Park:** Nothing to report.

**Indian Creek Park:**

**Request to stop at Indian Creek wooded area for an Amphibian Monitoring Study:** Ben Lehr, through the Michigan DNR, would like to stop at Indian Creek to listen to various frog and toad breeding calls to identify the species. He would need to do this after dark on three separate occasions for roughly 20-30 minutes. The board agreed it was okay for him to do this.

**Ansted Park:** On hold, due to cold weather.

**Adopt A Park:** Nothing new to report.

**Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks:** Dunn reported the coreplast she was looking at will not work. The new signs at Indian Creek and Ansted Parks, in order to match the signs already at the parks, will need to be made of signfoam. This will be considered during budget talks.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Approval of the contract between Bedford Park Commission and 3B Baseball:** Motion by DeLaney, seconded by Dunn to approve the contract with 3B Baseball on a one year basis, effective till 12/31/2016, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: DeLaney, Dunn, and Francis. Nays: None. Excused: Mohr and Velliquette.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Dunn – The meeting with 3B was excellent and it is nice having Michelle on board to help with this.

DeLaney – She is working on the two grants for Ansted Park for the wildflowers.

Francis – She included in the board packets an application for the use of facility and equipment which was for a 5K run at Indian Creek on August 21, 2016 by Heart of Hope. Francis has asked the schools to send us copies of these whenever they receive them so they can be put on the park's schedule. She also let Comm. Ed. know they are not to do any scheduling of the White Park Ball Diamonds. Anyone interested needs to come to the Township Hall and Francis will contact 3B about it.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Mrs. Francis.

Sally Dunn  
Park Board Secretary

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Recording Secretary

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February 1st, 2016 – **6:00 p.m.** –Budget meeting

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Regularly scheduled meeting

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – Regularly scheduled meeting