

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
February 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Connie Velliquette

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to approve the Treasurer's report as presented with expenses totaling \$1,138.01. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, DeLaney, Dunn and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Velliquette.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Nothing to report.

Samaria Park: Nothing to report.

White Park: DeLaney has written an article thanking the volunteers who helped with the White Park bathroom renovation. Francis will incorporate this into the Parks article in the Township Newsletter.

Parmelee Park: **Skateboard Park Repairs**: Mohr has plans to meet with Evergreen Skateparks in March to discuss the needed repairs.

Indian Creek Park: All looks good.

Ansted Park: DeLaney is working on two grants for the funding of the wildflowers. She is concerned about the outcome measures, which need to be listed on the grant applications. One outcome measure she will include is an educational presentation with the Beautification Committee in April. Discussion followed. DeLaney will check to see if she needs Township Board approval for the grant. Francis will send DeLaney the past Federal Grant application. Francis is aware of an upcoming seminar on Grant writing. DeLaney expressed interest in attending. Francis will forward her the information.

Adopt A Park: Dunn plans to meet with the High School Principal in March so the kids will be ready by April.

Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks: After discussion, it was agreed two-sided signs are needed for Ansted Park and the street entrance of Indian Creek Park. The top of the sign at Parmelee Park also needs to be replaced. Dunn is going to get estimates. The other Park signs just need to be repainted in early Spring. Francis thought a trail picture would be nice on the Ansted sign.

2015-2016 Budget Discussion- In addition to the signs, the Board would like to include the six-foot pickleball fence in this budget year. Mohr will get an estimate for the fence. If there are any monies left, the fence needed at Ansted Park will be considered for this year; otherwise it will need to wait for the next budget year. Francis mentioned there is still money in the maintenance general fund, but approx. \$5000 will be needed for the yearly mulch and stone. If Dunn can get written permission from the Road Commission to fill in the ditch between Indian Creek and White Park, some of this money could be used.

Discussion & Approval of 2016-17 Park Budget: Mohr thanked Francis for all her help with the budget. Francis will add an explanation list of the things the Park Commission is asking for in the capital outlay line of the budget. O'Dell was in favor of this as it shows transparency and rationale behind the request. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Bedford Township Park Commission budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Velliquette. Since there will be a decrease in the funds being sent to Community Education in this budget year, DeLaney suggested the Park Commission notify Comm. Ed. of this by letter as per the current contract with them. Francis will construct the letter which needs to be sent two months prior to June 30th, 2016. Discussion followed about the need to update this contract.

Approval of Fireworks Contract: Motion was made by DeLaney, seconded by Dunn to approve the five-year contract with Ace Pyro Fireworks at a cost of \$20,000 for the 2016 year with the rest of the years to be negotiated as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: DeLaney, Dunn, Francis, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Velliquette.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Bedford Alumni Assoc: Mohr will call them to find out the specifics of this request.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

DeLaney – None

Francis – She regrets she will not be able to attend and help with the Trade Fair this year.

Dunn – She felt a lot was accomplished this evening, and enjoys being on the Board.

Mohr – He likes the idea of a trail symbol on the Ansted Park sign.

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

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary