

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
February 22, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

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

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 Dunn, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Consumers Energy has sent notification they will be trimming some trees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's report as presented with expenses totaling \$758.84 and a Total Parks Fund balance through January 30, 2016 of \$25,988.70. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Velliquette.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Reed asked for clarification from the Board on how to handle the issue of coaches using the park diamonds without requesting a permit and on whether hard ball was to be allowed at Parmelee Park. DeLaney will have 3B notify their coaches that permits are needed if they wish to use a diamond other than at White Park. Mohr felt Parmelee Park's diamond should be designated softball only, due to it's size. Reed also reported that the Daddy/Daughter Dance was a huge success and she is currently working on the Spring/Summer Comm. Ed. brochure.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park:

Cell Tower Payment: A check for \$1402.50 was received from Telecon Tower Group with a notation "make up payment for rent increase". Francis reported that their contract indicated a 15% increase when it renewed six months ago. Therefore, all future payments will be increased by \$225/mo.

Samaria Park: Francis reported the floors in the Community Center have been stripped and waxed. Carr Park's Community Center is scheduled to be done next. John Kreuchauf, on behalf of the Samaria Heritage

Group, has asked for permission to hang some historical pictures of Samaria high up on the walls. All Board members agreed it was a nice idea. Francis suggested Kreuchauf contact the Bedford Librarian as she may have some pictures of Samaria they can use which were donated by Francis Foods.

White Park: DeLaney reported the light over the concession stand is out, she will let 3B know. She also mentioned maybe it was outside travel teams causing the problems Comm. Ed. was concerned about.

Parmelee Park: Mohr would like to be able to view the cameras at Parmelee and at Carr Park on one monitor at a central location. Mohr is going to meet with Kirk Davis from Continental to discuss this.

Skateboard Park: Mohr is planning to meet with Evergreenskateparks in March to discuss repairs. Francis shared a complaint from a resident who would like to have the skate park unlocked so he could use his skateboard on the snow. Mohr felt they should maintain the policy of locking the Skate Park up during the winter weather for safety reasons.

Indian Creek Park: All looks good.

Ansted Park: The contract with Rob Clare to farm the land has been officially signed.

Change Order Request: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the change order request from Mannik Smith Group to increase their contract amount by \$1000.00 to \$18,800.00 due to some unexpected issues and delays on the Ansted Park Construction project. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Velliquette.

Adopt A Park: Nothing new to report.

Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks: Dunn passed out pictures of the park signs and discussion followed. The Board felt a simple sign at Ansted Park would work best, similar to the sign at Carr Park. Dunn will get some price quotes. O'Dell suggested maybe a small box could be placed at the park with maps in it.

Trade Fair: Mohr and Dunn will buy all the candy, tickets and the pickleball equipment needed for the drawing. Francis will get all the Park maps and handouts ready.

Fireworks: Mohr spoke to the Bedford Alumni Assoc. and they assured him the table they would set up on the night of the fireworks would just be to sign-up new members and to talk to the public and there would be no political activity. The Board agreed that if anyone shows up with political signs on the school grounds, they will be asked to leave. O'Dell suggested the Board be preemptive and have Stewart send out emails to those running for office notifying them of this. Francis will send out the letters asking for donations this week, and she also hopes to have the contract with Ace Pyro signed by the end of the week. Mohr has contacted Gloworks and will work on getting a new contract from them for the Board to consider. Francis will contact Joe Garverick about borrowing the golf carts again and Mohr will prepare an updated itinerary for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Park Usage – Carr: The Monroe County ISD requested the park shelter for four Tuesdays this summer for their Be Their Hero Summer Camp program. The Board has allowed them to use the shelter free of charge for the past several years and agreed to do it again.

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Estimate for Portable Toilets: Francis received an estimate for port-a-potty rentals from Ace Diversified Services. After comparing their estimate with the current contract the Board has with Stevens Disposal, the Board decided to continue with Stevens. Francis will contact Ace Diversified to let them know and Stevens Disposal to ask for an updated new contract.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Cheri Reed, Comm.Ed: She suggested the Board prohibit Gloworks from selling any toy guns.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Mohr: He thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary