

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
March 28, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: None

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 Velliquette, seconded by Francis to approve the agenda with the addition of Trade Fair Remarks under Old Business. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dunn shared a note she sent to Bill Troup to thank him for all he has done to help the pickleball program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, with expenses totaling \$2,041.12. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: Donny Stevens, Bedford Diamond Dogs (traveling baseball league) presented his desire to use Parmelee Park as the home field for their teams. He addressed some immediate work his group would need to do, their long-term goals, and some ways they would accomplish these things. Discussion followed. The Board had some questions and concerns and decided a contract would be needed. However, they gave him permission to Adopt this Park so his group could start working on the field and cleaning up the Park.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette noticed the wave machine is broken again. Francis will have the maintenance department tie it up and check to see if it can be repaired. Velliquette mentioned TAC would like to be put on the next agenda.

Camera Issue: Mohr is still working on different options as to the best and most cost effective way to view the footage at both Carr and Parmelee Parks.

Samaria Park: The water test came back within the limits.

White Park: The water has been turned on, but Francis reported the following problems: no pressure in the bathroom sinks, kitchen sink needs a new sprayer, and the tank seal in women's bathroom leaks. DeLaney will let 3B know. The pickleball and tennis nets are up and the porta-pottys are in.

Parmelee Park: Mohr is still trying to get estimates for the skatepark. The wood is rotting so he is looking into concrete pre-caste. Francis will contact Miracle Recreation and Velliquette will check to see who the Monroe Park's use.

Indian Creek Park: All looks good.

Ansted Park: Francis will call Wehner, from Mannik and Smith to check on the fence estimate. This fence is just to define the park's boundary on the south side.

Adopt A Park: Dunn will meet with Donny Stevens to work out the details of the Bedford Diamond Dogs adopting Parmelee Park. She is also working on getting other groups to adopt the other parks.

Signage and crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks: Dunn brought in ideas and estimates for the signs at Ansted and Indian Creek Parks. She will make some minor changes and bring them back next meeting for a Board vote.

Fireworks: Francis received an application for a MI fireworks permit from Ace Pyro. A permit is not required by law, but Ace Pyro has requested the Board apply for one. Francis will fill it out and take it to the Township Board to approve at their April 5th meeting. Francis reported receiving over \$2000 in firework donations already, and many from new groups. Velliquette will see if the Bedford Alliance Church would like to volunteer again with the clean-up afterwards.

Trade Fair Remarks: One of the prize winners has still not picked up their pickleball equipment. One more call will be made and if they do not respond by Friday, a new winner will be chosen.

NEW BUSINESS:

St. Luke's Grant Application: Francis has forwarded this to DeLaney, who will request money for four 8-foot picnic tables for Ansted Park's shelter. Each table costs \$823.00 plus freight. The Lion's Club has committed to providing a shelter for Ansted Park. Francis needs to get them the price and size. Francis thanked DeLaney for the Grant writing she has been doing. DeLaney is also working on a grant with the Monroe Community Foundation for wildflowers at Ansted.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

DeLaney: No comment.

Velliquette: She said it was great to be back.

Francis: She is glad to have Connie back.

Dunn: No comment.

Mohr: Thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary

