

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
April 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cheri Reed, Community Education and 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 Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dunn reported the Telecom Tower payment was received for \$1955.00. An anonymous letter was received from a resident containing many complaints about Indian Creek Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, with expenses totaling \$1098.08. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: Gail Keane, Temperance Action Committee (TAC): Keane, on behalf of TAC asked the Park Board for permission to possibly place a monument honoring the efforts of TAC on the fifth slab leading to the Carr Park Gazebo. TAC would cover all costs incurred. She handed out a mockup of the monument and discussed an alternate possibility of placing it at the corner of Temperance and Lewis. Discussion followed including noting the community events TAC has sponsored at Carr Park. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the request from TAC to allow them to use the Carr Park walkway for a marker monument honoring TAC, if they choose, and if all other venues prove to be unavailable. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Reed reported that the Spring brochures would be mailed out tomorrow, Jake Sorosiak is due to return at the end of the month, and the mother-daughter dance has been scheduled for May 13th.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: The Board decided this item will be removed from future agenda's unless the YMCA decides to attend and report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Very quiet.

Camera Issue: Mohr suggested maybe the Park Commission could ask the Township Board for assistance with this issue. Discussion continued. Mohr will continue to work on it.

X-Wave damage: Francis reported Miracle Midwest no longer represents the company that produced this item. She will see if the manufacturer will cover the repairs. Otherwise, it may not even be worth repairing it. Francis let the board know the Township insurance company will be coming out to evaluate and make sure the Park's coverage is adequate.

Samaria Park: Quiet, no problems.

White Park: DeLaney reported the plumbing problems have been addressed, someone is coming out to spray the park for bees, and a locksmith has come to rekey the bathroom and concession stand front door. There is now a log book to keep track of who has been issued keys. 3B starts this weekend.

Parmelee Park:

Skate Board Park: Mohr has met with Scott Abbott who repairs wooden skateparks and is awaiting an estimate. The estimate to repair the skatepark with concrete pre-cast was \$53,000.

Agreement with Diamond Dogs: DeLaney has put together a proposed agreement and permit between the Park Commission and the Diamond Dogs Baseball League. Stevens has begun to clean up the fields at Parmelee. He would like permission to install cement stands for removable bases, and is also inquiring about redoing the shed to use for storage. The shed belongs to the Civic Club, but is on Park property. Stevens has put a call into the Civic Club. Mohr is still concerned with parking issues which need to be addressed with the Civic Club. Stevens would also like permission to mow the outfield. Francis will check to see if this would violate the Township's union contract or if this would cause liability issues. The Board decided to bring this whole issue back to the next board meeting which would allow Stevens time to read through the agreement.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn reported a Bedford student, Lexi Laginess, would like to do her Senior Honor Society Project at Indian Creek. She would do a cleanup of the park with a group of other young people and their parents on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The Board agreed this was a nice idea. Cameron Miller, a home-schooled senior would like to build bat houses to help control the mosquito population at Indian Creek for his Eagle Scout project. He will come to the next meeting to present this project.

Ansted Park: Nothing going on at this time.

Adopt A Park: If the Board enters into an agreement with the Diamond Dogs Baseball league Dunn will work on a tri-fold brochure and parental permission forms for them to Adopt Parmelee Park.

Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks: Dunn presented the mockups of the Ansted and Indian Creek Park signs from Graphic Designs. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the creation and purchase of new signs for Indian Creek and Ansted Park with the final details as to the colors to be determined, at a cost of \$3500 apiece which includes installation. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Trade Fair – choosing another winner of Pickleball Equipment: Since one of the winners of the pickleball equipment never picked up his prize, a new name was drawn. The new winner is James Hinkle, 3720 Consear Road.

Fireworks: Approval for the fireworks permit was granted at the April 5th Township Board meeting. Francis still needs to meet with Sargent Pauli to go over the traffic pattern. DeLaney is working on

scheduling someone to sing the National Anthem. Velliquette reported the Bedford Alliance Church has volunteered to help with clean-up again this year, Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. The Park Commission will supply the gloves and the trash bags.

Grant: The Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant in the amount of \$3000.00, was awarded to the Ansted Park Restoration project. DeLaney will do the follow-up needed for this grant. One of the outcome measures will be a presentation hosted by The Bedford Beautification Committee at the Bedford Branch Library on April 30th at 11:00 a.m. The Monroe Conservation District will speak on “Wildflowers, Tree, and Grasses of Bedford.”

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Linda Johnson, Bedford Farmer’s Market: She has some plastic bags left over from the Farmer’s Market she would like to donate to the Firework cleanup effort. She also invited the Park Commission to set up a booth one Saturday at the Farmer’s Market.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Dunn – She thinks it might be nice to have Adopt A Park signs similar to the Adopt A Road signs to give recognition to the groups participating.

Velliquette – She has been in touch with Bill Troup who let her know the Friday night Pickleball play at the Jr. High proved to be very successful. The group ended up setting up additional nets.

Mohr – Thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary