

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
May 9, 2016
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jake Sorosiak, 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 DeLaney to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: An email was received from a resident complaining about marks left in the walking paths at Ansted from the mower. Velliquette walked the paths and did not notice any problems. Francis will call the resident to follow-up. Francis informed the Board of an incident at Samaria Community Center. A renter called to say their grandmother had fallen by the back door due to a gap in the sidewalk. She was not seriously hurt. Francis checked the sidewalk, but saw no real problem. Carol Reinhardt (Samaria Heritage Group) has asked to have the large evergreen tree trimmed as it is getting too big to decorate at Christmas time. Francis will check into having this taken care of. Francis reported the Telecom Cell Tower payment of \$1955.00 was received

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's report with expenses totaling \$3,895.46, which included a 50% down payment to Graphic Signs of \$3,300.00 and a Fund Balance as of April 30, 2016 of \$19,399.07. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak reported Soccer games at Indian Creek began last week. The first Pickleball Clinic had a mix-up last Wednesday. The weather was bad and the instructor, Connie Mierzejewski was unable to attend. Sorosiak called all those signed up and rescheduled it for next Thursday. He then invited the board to the Mother-Daughter "Royal Ball" on Friday evening at the Jr. High at 6:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mary Kay Thayer, 4189 Little Streams Trl, former Park Board Member: She thanked the Board for all they do.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette commended Cookie for keeping the Community Center looking so nice. She also mentioned the picnic benches in the shelter are in good shape.

Wave Machine Update: Francis contacted the manufacturer and it is no longer under warranty. They will get back to her with a quote.

Samaria Park: Maintenance weeded the front area, but the Park Board still needs someone for seasonal summer help. Mohr will contact the schools to see if they have extra applicants.

Repairs to Parking Lot: The Drain Commission repaired the leak and filled in the hole. It now needs to settle for a while.

White Park:

Tree Trimming at Consear Parking Lot: Mohr looked at this issue and does not see a problem. He is not even sure the trees in question are on park property.

Expanded Parking: Mohr still hasn't heard back from 3B.

Parmelee Park: Ethan from Aqua Tec feels he has located the leak for the drinking fountain. The Board will have him fix the problem.

Skate Board Park: Mohr has not been able to get a hold of the repair man he spoke to, so he is going to contact another person. He is also going to contact the Carpenter's Union to see if they can help fix it with donated labor. The Risk Control Department of the Township's Insurance Company has reviewed all the parks and has suggested some additional signage at the Skate Park. Mohr will review the suggestion and put something together. Francis mentioned the Board needs to fill out Special event forms for the Christmas tree lighting from now on since they are Board sponsored events.

Camera: Mike Martinez still feels the Board needs to get wi-fi hook-up for both Carr and Parmelee. The Board would like to get a monitor for Carr and reconsider a solution for Parmelee at a future meeting. Francis will contact Martinez.

Diamond Dogs Contract: Francis voiced some concerns about giving Diamond Dogs exclusive use. Mohr was encouraged by the efforts already made by the Diamond Dogs to fix up the deteriorating field and refurbishing the stands. Velliquette reminded the Board the contract is only for one year and if the Board is not satisfied, the Board does not need to renew the contract. Sorosiak mentioned Community Ed. would need to know the dates so they do not schedule out the fields to other groups. Motion was made by DeLaney, seconded by Velliquette to accept this one year contract between Bedford Township Park Commission and Bedford Diamond Dogs Baseball League regarding Parmelee Ball Diamond Use and Maintenance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: DeLaney, Velliquette, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: Francis. Excused: None.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn reported it was busy over the weekend.

Ansted Park: Francis is still waiting to hear from Warnke with an estimate of the fence. Velliquette has ordered flowers to plant around the sign.

Adopt A Park: Dunn is moving forward with getting tee-shirts for the Adopt a Park kids at Samaria and working with Heidtman Steel to get the materials for the clean-ups.

Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Park: Dunn still trying to meet and see if 3B will help cover the costs of the solar signs.

Fireworks: The Safety meeting is set for 12:00 p.m. on June 24th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Inventories: DeLaney mentioned there were two flag poles at White Park, not one. Everyone turned in their inventories from their park.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Dunn – She is excited to have Heath Velliquette and Joe Gore from the Sheriff's department as team leaders for the Adopt a Park program.

Velliquette – She mentioned the Beautification presentation at the Library was excellent and very interesting.

Mohr – He thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary