

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
May 23, 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 as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's report with expenses totaling \$563.37. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, Velliquette, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: **Peter Zaums**, Attorney at Law representing the estate of Anna Wheeler: James and Anna Wheeler had 22 acres on the corner of Whiteford Center and Section Roads. In Anna's will she stated she wanted to donate the land to be used as a wildlife refuge only, but not for public use. Zaums was asking the Park Board if they would be interested in accepting this land as a fee simple, but it would be controlled by a Conservancy. The Board would like to accept the land, but only if could be open to the public. Discussion followed. Zaums will investigate some of the Boards concerns.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: **Greg Dillabaugh, Head Coach of the Bedford T-Birds**, 7121 Shady Grove Lane: He gave a brief background of the league and expressed his desire to continue using White Park as their game field. The parking safety issues along with the concession use problems and the damage to the fields by the T-Birds were discussed. The Board explained their relationship with 3B and let Dillabaugh know his first step would be to contact 3B to see if 3B is using the fields on the dates of the T-Birds games. If the fields are free, the T-Birds would still need to come back to the Park Board and request use of the fields.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Carr's Grove Park:** Velliquette mentioned the park bench beside the Comm. Center needs to be trashed.

**X-Wave:** Francis contacted Xccent regarding the broken X-Wave and they will be replacing the broken part under warranty. Velliquette mentioned there may also be missing bolts on both this machine and the one at White Park.

**Cameras:** O'Dell may have a spare monitor to be placed at Carr Park, if not Francis will purchase one. Mr. Martinez can hook it up when he comes to adjust the cameras.

**Samaria Park:** The quarterly water testing occurs tomorrow. Francis reported Jonathan Stanton has been hired as summer help. He is currently working part-time for the Parks.

**White Park:** DeLaney will get an estimate on the fencing for the additional parking area.

**Problems with Bathrooms:** DeLaney has noticed more back-ups and low pressure since the remodeling of the bathrooms. She will have someone look at it.

**TBirds Football:** See presentation above.

**Parmelee Park:** Mohr met with Brandon Robinson, who is getting him an estimate and payment plans for the Skate Park repairs. Mark Kruse has approached Mohr about putting up a net by disc golf hole #1. This would eliminate the problem of discs landing in the yard of a resident living next to it. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

**Indian Creek Park:** Dunn reported members of Eagle Scout Troop 720 have fixed the loose park bench and have offered to paint the playscape.

**Ansted Park:** As soon as the farmer is able to disc the center area, Vern will come out and start planting the wild grasses.

**Adopt A Park:** Dunn has contacted H & S Sports about ordering tee-shirts, which Heidtman Steel will pay for.

**Fireworks:** Donations are coming in. Francis sent letters to all the political candidates running this year. Mohr met with Sargent Pauli to work out the traffic patterns.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: None.

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

Sally Dunn  
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin  
Recording Secretary