

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

June 27, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

ABSENT: Sally Dunn

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 with the addition of Nature Conservancy under New Business. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's Report with expenses totaling \$21,384.94 and the Fund Balances as of May 31, 2016 as follows: General Fund - \$55,558.66, Savings - \$6,641.77, Prepaid Exp - \$2,167.36, Due from T & A - \$16,500.00, with the Total Park Funds being \$80,867.79. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Absent: Dunn. Francis mentioned the signs for Ansted and Indian Creek parks and the stone for all the parks has been ordered and will be paid for in the 2015-2016 budget.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette reported the handicapped swing seems to be broken again and the walkway up to the Gazebo needs to be weeded. Francis will notify maintenance. Francis mentioned a request she received from Sharon Throm. Throm would like to reserve the shelter and the Community Center (only in case of rain) for a teacher's group on August 18th at no charge. Past boards have always let her do this. The board okayed the request only because the date falls in the middle of the week.

Samaria Park: Francis has had some complaints about the thermostat not automatically turning off and on. She will look into it.

White Park: DeLaney reported the pump for the concession stand bathrooms should be replaced this week. She is concerned because the cost of a new pump runs about \$3000 and it only lasts 5-10 years. She is wondering whether hooking into the sewer line might be a better option. Francis will check with the utility clerk to see if the sewer lines go past White park. Trash still seems to be a problem even though DeLaney had 3B notify the coaches about the issue. Francis will see if placing more trash cans near the diamonds would help.

Parmelee Park: Velliquette had to trip the fuses to turn on the electricity for a renter this past weekend. Francis will check with maintenance to see if it can be left on all summer. American Ramp Company sent Mohr another option for the skate park repairs which involves a 10 year payment plan. Since this will affect future boards, he would like to hold off considering this until the Spring. Francis reported a shelter renter called to inquire about a handicap porta-potty. Francis had one brought out for the weekend and the board decided it would be a good idea to leave it there for the season.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn went to the Color Run held at the park last weekend and it was well-attended.

Ansted Park: The farmer has finished cultivating the center area. Vern would like to plant the wild grasses this weekend, but needs about 100 gallons of water. Francis will work on where/how to accomplish this. The signs for Ansted and Indian Creek have been ordered. DeLaney mentioned some weeds were growing in the path on the far north side and that a huge tree had fallen in the wooden area.

Adopt A Park: Nothing.

Signage and crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks: Mohr would like to wait for Dunn to discuss this issue.

Recap of Fireworks: They were excellent! and clean-up went smoothly. The only issue was with the porta-potties. Stevens delivered one less than ordered and they had three other locked ones there. Francis felt more needed to be ordered next year. The idea of seeing if patriotic music could be sequenced to the display next year was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nature Conservancy: Velliquette reported the Conservancy would be willing to work with the Park Board if the Board decided to accept the Wheeler property, but they have the same concerns about the need for the public to be able to use the property. They are also willing to come out to Ansted Park and teach volunteers on what has been planted, which would also help with the requirements of grants.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Ron Koch, Pres. Bedford Board of Education – He mentioned the school is still working to fill the two open positions in the Community Education's Department.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

DeLaney – No comment.

Velliquette – She thanked everyone for the good job done on the night of the fireworks.

Francis – No comment.

Mohr – He commented on how much he enjoyed the fireworks, how well the board worked together, on how much cooperation the Park Board received from other groups, and that they received more donations this year than any other year.

O'Dell – He mentioned Joe Garverick, the owner of the Indian Creek Zoo, has expressed interest in working with the Park Board and 3B on some type of project at White Park, maybe dugouts. Mohr and O'Dell will set up a meeting .

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

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary