

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
July 25, 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 DeLaney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis explained that the expenses included the final payment for the Ansted and Indian Creek signs for \$3,450.00, the cost for the ads placed for the fireworks, and that the Consumer Energy bill for White Park is high due to the use of the lights at night. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's report as presented with expenses totaling \$8,094.23. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: **Gail Keane and Gail Roth from TAC – Downtown Temperance Day:** Keane shared that TAC has hosted Downtown Temperance Days for the past 12 years. Their focus has always been to bring people into the downtown area so they could see what the businesses have to offer. Roth has volunteered this year to coordinate the activities occurring in Carr Park. Discussion followed regarding what paperwork the insurance company needs from each of the vendors. Francis will contact the insurance company and let Roth know what is needed. Since TAC falls under the Township, all monies will be run through the Township account.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: **Joan Schockman**, former Park Board Commissioner: she just stopped in to visit and say hello.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette reported the walkway needs to be weeded and a dead plant removed. She would also like the benches around the playscape repainted. Francis will speak to Maintenance.

Samaria Park: No problems to report. Park looks good.

White Park: A resident complained of finding glass in the mulch under the swings at White Park. Francis had Maintenance clean out as much as they could. Maintenance will also check the mulch spread at the other parks. DeLaney is concerned by how dark it is by the exits of White Park both on Consear and on

Douglas. Discussion followed as to the steps to take to get two new streetlights put in at these locations and who would be responsible for the costs associated with them. Motion was made by DeLaney, seconded by Velliquette to put a light on Consear and Douglas Roads at the opening of White Park. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: DeLaney, Velliquette, Francis, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None. Francis will contact Consumers to start the process.

Buckeye Cable Issue: Maintenance accidentally cut a cable line while they were clearing out weeds and bushes along the east side of White Park. Stewart spoke to Buckeye Cable and the hope is they will not charge the Township for this mistake.

Parmelee Park: Drug wrappers were found in the parking lot and some racial slurs spray painted on the skatepark. Francis will ask the Sheriff's department to patrol it more frequently and will have Maintenance paint over the slurs.

Indian Creek Park:

Culvert Repair: The culvert located at the intersection of Consear and Douglas Road has been filled in, making it safer for residents to cross between White Park and Indian Creek.

Ditch Clean Out: The clean-up began today and should be finished this week.

Ansted Park:

Update: The south property line has been staked out, Francis will get fence estimates. Wehner wants to meet at Ansted Park with Park Board members to finish up the walking trail project. He will even bring a wheelchair to make sure the trail is ADA compatible. Francis and Wehner will set it up. A \$100.00 donation was received from The Gleaners Post 643.

Adopt A Park: Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Gin informed the board she will be out of town for the next meeting and will not be able to record it.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Roth just asked who the vendors should make their checks out to and was informed she should have them made out to Bedford Township.

Keane complained about the dust coming from the White Park parking lot during baseball games, she thinks the Park should go for a millage, and she complimented the Board on doing such a good job. She also let the Board know that "Pokemon is loose in downtown Temperance".

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

DeLaney – She informed the Board she will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Dunn – She is thrilled the culvert at Indian Creek Park has been taken care of.

Velliquette – Corey Welch, Dale Zorn's rep. is going to add the Park's events (such as Samaria Days, the fireworks, etc.) to the 2017 Michigan Festival guide.

Mohr – He is upset over the damage done to Parmelee Park and is considering closing the Skatepark down until it is resolved.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary