

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

September 12, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Michelle DeLaney

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: A potential park discussion was added to the agenda under New Business. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Velliquette to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis explained the expenses were high because they included \$11,856.04 to Zeiler's for the final payment of the Ansted Park project, a large Consumers Energy bill at White Park for \$499.01 due to the lights being on for night games, and \$800.00 to Pasko for cleaning of the Community Centers due to the large volume of rentals in the summer. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's Expenses for payment totaling \$14,021.30. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: DeLaney. The monthly cell tower payment for \$1955.00 has been received.

PRESENTATION:

John Ponke, Eagle Scout troop 777: He is interested in putting up 2 -3 Bow-wow waste bag stations at White Park. It should cost him approximately \$390.00 so he is setting up donation cans at two local veterinarian offices and hopes to collect enough money to complete the project either this fall or early spring. Discussion followed as to the locations of the stations.

Traci Taylor and Craig Darcangelo: They requested permission from the Board to plant a tree at Ansted park in honor of their mother, Diane Olson, who passed away last week. The Board was in favor of the idea and asked them to come back with more information as to the design of the plaque which would go with it, the type and size of the tree, the location at the park, etc.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Due to Temperance Days, the porta-potties at Carr Park became full, therefore the Sunday shelter renter had none to use. TAC needs to make some arrangements next year to avoid this problem. If the renter requests a refund, the Board decided it would be fair to refund his money. The bottom of the trash dumpster has rusted out, Francis will have Steven's replace it. Randy from Taulbee electric has been contacted to replace the electric box cover with a metal one in hopes that it will not be vandalized. At

he same time, he will also work up an estimate of costs to change the lights at Carr to LED's and will look at the eye on the light at the shelter, as it currently does not turn off.

Samaria Park:

Water Sample Results: The water was tested and was found to be in compliance. Francis feels some work needs to be done to the grounds. There are bushes and trees that need to be pulled or trimmed way back. Francis will get some estimates. Also, the lights in the back of the Community Center are not working, Francis will also get an estimate from Taulbee Electric to get these repaired or replaced.

White Park:

Request for Usage of Ball Diamonds – 2017: There has been a request which came through Community Ed. for diamond and concession use for a weekend in May 2017. The board decided to table this request until next meeting so they could have DeLaney's input.

Eagle Scout Request – Dog Poop Stands: see presentation.

Parmelee Park:

Disc Golf Request: A Disc Golf group from Compelled Church would like to bring their own barrel to the park so they can clean-up around the park after they play on Saturdays. Mohr approved this request. The skate park is now open. Small plastic "drug" bags are still being found in the parking lot. Francis will remind the Sheriff's department to continue patrolling the area.

Indian Creek Park: This Saturday (9/18) is the Out of the darkness, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walk. This group still need to bring the food vendor's truck proof of insurance to the Twp. Rameriez, from the Bedford schools, has agreed to do work needed on the 3 bridges if the Park Board pays for the supplies. The Board is currently waiting for him to send the cost of the supplies.

Ansted Park: The Board decided to follow Vern Stephens recommendation and just mow the center section and not spray weed killer. Maintenance cannot mow out any further along the trails, as they do not have the proper equipment. Francis will contact Precision mowing to get pricing for this and to see how often he recommends doing it. Velliquette will meet with Maintenance to discuss the location of the Monarch butterfly station so it will not be in their way when they enter the park to mow. Velliquette is working with a leader of a local brownie group who would like her troop to help plant flowers. This would help meet a requirement of the grant Ansted received.

Adopt A Park: Dunn is still working to get Jr. High and Senior High school students involved. She is moving forward with Scott Earl to get other teachers/coaches to be team leaders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Park – Tim Csurgo from the Drain Commission thought the Park Board might be interested in purchasing 5 acres of land which is in foreclosure. It has a drain running through it and is land-locked. The Board decided they have no interest in this land as it has no access.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Dunn – She reported her pet dog is feeling better, but now she is having some health issues.

Mohr –He thanked everyone for coming.

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

