

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
September 26, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison & Nancy Crandell, Community Ed. Director

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 Velliquette to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's Report with expenses totaling \$2,777.29 and a total Park Fund Balance of \$74,807.47. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Nancy Crandell, the newly hired Community Education Director, introduced herself. She let the board know the soccer programs began last week and the basketball and cheerleading programs began this week. The school hopes to hire a Recreation Coordinator within the next month.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Carr's Grove Park**: Velliquette is concerned about the plastic covering the swing chains. They are cracked and either need to be replaced or removed. Francis will talk to Maintenance. Francis received a complaint the dumpster smelled real bad, even though it was almost empty. She will contact Stevens.

**Light Replacement/Repair** – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the estimate by Taulbee Electric for \$3000.00 to replace all the outdoor fixtures at Carr Park with LED lights and to relocate the photo cell light. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

**Samaria Park**: Nothing to report.

**White Park**: DeLaney let the Board know fall ball has begun and is going well.

**Parmelee Park:** Mohr is frustrated with the skatepark. He has one more person to contact, but he cannot find anyone to repair or replace it within the Park's budget.

**Swing set chains** – Francis mentioned the swing set chains are all worn and weak and need to be replaced. She is awaiting an estimate on the price from Miracle Midwest.

**Indian Creek Park:** Dunn reported the clearing out of the creek area has begun. Velliquette has contacted Ramirez from Bedford Schools Maintenance again, but is still awaiting the cost of supplies needed to fix the bridges.

**Recap of Out of the Darkness Walk** – Over 300 people participated and there were 7 informational booths. The group hopes to make it an annual event.

**Ansted Park:** Warren Cooper flail mowed Ansted Park for a cost of \$315.00. He even mowed the area around the walking path. Francis suggested moving the fence opening to the south end and enlarging it so the mowing equipment will have better access. Bill Decker, Sr contacted Mohr to let him know how impressed he is with Ansted Park. Since it is part of the Oak Openings area and has some “untouched” areas, Decker thought a horticulturist he knew, Linda Rameriz, might be able to assist the Board in applying for grants to be used at this park.

**Adopt A Park:** Dunn is hoping to set up meetings with the team leaders and the Jr. High and High School students.

**Centennial Park:** A resident removed a round piece of plexi-glass from the top of the slide which was cracked and very sharp. Francis will get pricing for a replacement.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

All of the Commissioners welcomed Nancy Crandell. The Park Board and Community Ed. have always had a great relationship and the Park Board looks forward to working with Crandell in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn  
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin  
Recording Secretary