

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
October 24, 2016
6:00 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: Velliquette added "Say yes to Michigan" under New Business and Dunn asked to have signage and crosswalk taken off under Old Business. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the revised agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's report with expenses totaling \$675.23 and a total Fund Balance of \$53,656.27. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: **Robotics Group – Alan Swaile and Walker Schmus – bat houses at Ansted Park:** Robotics team, Killer Narwals 3.0 would like to partner with Cub Scout troop 3777 to put four bat houses at Ansted Park to help improve the population of bats, which are on the endangered species list. They plan to finish this project in November and will work with the board to determine the location of them.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: At the conclusion of the board meeting the Park Board members plan to go to the Jr. High Halloween Party to judge the costumes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette loves the new LED lights, they light the park up nicely at night. Francis has ordered the swing chains.

Samaria Park:

Water Testing results: The water is in compliance, however the sanitary system survey was not in compliance with the construction standards. There seems to be a problem with the way the drain line from the water softener is routed. Francis had Maintenance fix the problem; she will now take pictures and submit them to the Health Department. Francis will also have the contact information updated.

White Park: Next Sunday is the final day for Fall Ball. DeLaney will contact Ethan from AquaTec to let him know when he can turn the water off at the Concession Stand. Francis will have him turn off the water at all the parks at that time. Francis will have all the porta-potties removed before Halloween and then have one put back at Indian Creek for the winter.

Parmelee Park: Parmelee Park has been quiet and the disc golfers have been enjoying the park.

Indian Creek Park: Velliquette will speak to Chris Ray about the bridge repairs, since Rameriz is out on medical leave. Dunn will contact the school, as it seems they are dumping grass in the creek bed.

Ansted Park: John Ponke, the Eagle Scout who is putting in the doggie bag stations at White Park, needs an additional project to receive his badge. He is interested in putting up mile markers every ¼ mile and replacing the ones there with wooden ones. Francis will check to see if the Park Board received the full amount of grant monies from the Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant for the wild grasses. Mohr contacted King fencing and the Board will meet with him to discuss the change of the location and the size of the entrance to the park.

Adopt A Park: Dunn will wait until after the election to move forward with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

MParks membership info: It was decided to wait for the new board and let them make the decision on whether to renew this membership.

Say Yes to Michigan: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to have the Park Board adopt a resolution in support of HB 5560 and SB 812, two bills to name the Monarch Butterfly Michigan's official State Insect. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Velliquette, Dunn, Francis, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None. Francis will get the resolution off the website, have everyone sign it, and then send it in.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Mohr – He commented on how much fun the Park Board member have each year judging the Halloween costumes.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary