

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
November 14, 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 7:05 pm. by Chairman John Mohr, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Francis would like to add a discussion of the transition to the new Park Board and Velliquette asked to have a discussion of a Girl Scout butterfly/wildlife gardening project added to the agenda. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve a revised agenda with both of these items added under New Business. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes of the October 24, 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 \$1,759.74 which included the Monroe DEQ bill for Samaria Park's water testing for \$135.87 and a bill from Miracle Midwest for the swing chains and the plexiglass replacement part for \$576.76. Francis let the Park Board know this plexiglass piece has been installed, but the chains will not be put up until the Spring. The Fund Balances as of Oct. 31, 2016 are: General Fund \$1,307.90, Savings \$45,063.68, Prepaid Expenses \$2931.62, and Due from T & A \$7460.00 for a total Park Fund of \$56,763.20. Francis reported this does not include the quarterly Township Board contribution of \$32,386.00 and the November Telecom Tower payment of \$1955.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette reported everything looks great.

Samaria Park: When Taulbee Electric was repairing one of the outside lights, he reported four other lights in need of repair. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve this bill for \$110.00 and to replace the four remaining lights which are out with LED's at a price to be determined. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None. Francis will call for a price quote.

White Park: DeLaney reported there are still lots of residents playing pickleball, but she is concerned with the weeds growing through the walkway by the drinking fountain and by the basketball courts. She would also like to see the scrubs trimmed by the walkway. Francis will talk to Maintenance. O'Dell mentioned sand tennis as a suggestion for an inexpensive addition to one of the parks in the future.

Parmelee Park: Mohr reported the disc golfers are still out enjoying themselves.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn reported the park looks good.

Ansted Park: Mohr has contacted King Fence and plans to meet with him and other board members tomorrow to discuss moving and widening the gate opening and having them put in the farming fence along the southeast side. Francis will continue to work with the Lions Den who has promised to donate a small shelter or Gazebo for the park.

Adopt A Park: Dunn will continue to move forward with recruiting Jr. High and High School students.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transition to a new Board: Francis made packets for the newly elected board members which included their responsibilities, salaries, all of the contracts the Park Board has with other entities, and much more valuable information about the parks. Discussion followed regarding what needs to be accomplished at the next meeting and the changes that will occur at the Township Hall regarding the park rentals, etc.

Girl Scouts Butterfly/Wildlife Gardening: The Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan are looking to do an educational workshop and a hands-on project focusing on butterfly/wildlife gardens. Velliquette will keep in touch with the Monroe Conservation District to arrange this at Ansted Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

DeLaney: She said it was wonderful working with everyone and she enjoyed her time on the Board

Velliquette: She congratulated the new Park Board members, but is sorry to see Garnet, John, Michelle, and Larry leave.

Francis: She expressed how much she enjoyed being a part of the Park Board and will miss it. She assured the new members she will continue to work with them so it will be a smooth transition to the new board.

Dunn: She is going to miss John, Garnet, Michelle, and Larry, but is thankful Connie will still be on the new board with her.

Mohr: He thanked everyone; he felt they had all worked well together. He too, will be available to help the new board.

O'Dell: He has been a part of this board for the past eight years and thought they were the best group of people he has worked with because everyone had a common goal and they worked well together to do what was best for the parks.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary