

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2017  
Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Connie Velliquette, Chair, Sally Dunn, Lew Smith, & Joan Dunton.

ALSO PRESENT: TC Clements

EXCUSED: Jerry Goodridge

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Connie Velliquette, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Velliquette added 3B contract to new business (f). Dunn added commissioner information to new business (g). Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Smith to approve the revised agenda of the January 9, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clements submitted for correction- minutes have incorrect date listed as next meeting date. Should be Jan 9, 2017. Velliquette submitted for correction- members present Sally, Connie, Jerry. Lew & Joan absent. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Smith to approve the revised minutes of the 12/12/2016 Park Board meeting, all ayes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Holiday card from ACE Pyro.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Lew, Second by Joan, with correction of date error 2016-2017, all ayes.

PRESENTATION: 3B presentation by Carey Rakich and Matt Wagenhauser- handout with player info, request for renewal of contract. 2017 will be 3B's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mentioned donated materials and voluntary repairs done to bathrooms and dugouts. Spoke of efforts to be inclusive and encouraging to children wanting to play baseball. Appreciation of using park fee free, because it allows more children to play by keeping their costs down. Would like to try to expand parking area if possible. Dunn suggested parking in bus depot parking area, with parents supervising crossing area.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Nancy Krandal Basketball season- 33 teams K-12, with a waiting list for a few more teams. Recreation director position is open.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Tim McAfee said he's friends with someone who could update lighting at White Park, and said if a board member's car were towed, it may improve the parking situation.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Carr's Grove Park:** Good

**Samaria Park:** Park is good, although water dispenser ran out of water. Monroe county health dept water samples contract needs to be renewed. Motion by Dunn to continue working with health dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clements, all ayes. Dunn must be present during water testing.

**White Park:** Quiet

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**Parmelee Park:** Clements - 4 contractors looked at skate park, 2 had no interest, only one quote so far from Pavlika Inc. for 5,400, and is for underneath repairs only, surface material cost is significantly higher. If chair would draw up a proposal, Clements would take to township board requesting extra funds for emergency repairs. Would need RFP open to outside bids to proceed.

**Indian Creek Park:** Quiet, although sign torn down by snowmobile, may be repaired by township maintenance crew, Park Board must buy lumber.

**Ansted Park:** Quiet. Call from resident about potential sled hill. Conservation district contacted about Girl Scout project on 4/29/17, would like to put in plants or seeds to attract butterflies, and in the fall come back to collect seeds for replanting next year. They would need water for after planting. Smith suggested using a firetruck for water, Clements suggested maintenance water trucks.

Adopt a Park: Nothing to report

5 Year master plan: Lucy will have survey ready for next meeting so that it will be ready to be approved and used at trade fair.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. MRPAP: Discussed various membership options. Clements suggested waiting for Goodridge to decide membership, because no one can attend conference in January.
- b. County Bi-Centennial: Smith discussed the idea Paul Pirrone had about combining fireworks (June 23), bicentennial, and Bedford "Signature event" (rib-off). General Park Board opinion is to have their event separate from fireworks, possibly at soccer stadium same weekend.
- c. Pricing of park bricks: Velliquette will look into the updated brick prices for memorials at our parks. Maybe even memorial benches at parks.
- d. Approval of budget: Motion to approve budget proposal made by Clements second by Dunton, all ayes.
- e. Port-a-potty bids discussion: Currently with Stevens, who already does our garbage service. Velliquette would like a new contract sent over, instead of rolling over old contract.
- f. 3B contract renewal: Motion to approve contract made by Dunton. Seconded by Clements, all ayes. Will be signed at next board meeting.
- g. Commissioner information packet brought in by Dunn, would like to be sure everyone verifies their information. Dunn would like a new phone number plaque put up in Samaria and Carr park community centers. TMACOG summit in Toledo in March, would it be possible to link Bedford to that somehow, maybe bike paths.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Tim McAfee spoke about 25 mph signs by White Park. Suggestions for 3B about parking situation. Formally requesting that if Bedford holds a concert.... Time expired.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Smith thanked 3B for coming and their community service. Velliquette loved her son participating in 3B. Clements mentioned township board meeting committee reports, and township board would like to get more regular reports from individual boards. Dunn suggested they look at minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Clements, Second Dunton. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary