

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2017
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Sally Dunn Vice Chair, Lew Smith, Jerry Goodridge & Joan Dunton.

ALSO PRESENT: TC Clements, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Connie Velliquette

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dunn added ACE Pyro fireworks to 10b, commissioner information to 10C. Motion made by Dunton, seconded by Smith to approve the revised agenda of the January 23, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve treasurer's report by Dunton, seconded by Dunn to approve the treasurer's report made by Smith, all ayes.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: No damages, several rentals.

Samaria Park: Dunn cleaned frames for park commissioner information. Water testing information, water fountains need some work replacing worn out parts. Township maintenance is looking into what they can do.

White Park: Pickle ball courts

Parmelee Park: Everything in place, Goodridge has been available for contractors to review skate park for estimate. Looking into other skate parks for construction information and ideas for our skate park.

Indian Creek Park:

Ansted Park: Quiet.

g. Adopt a park- Dunn hoping to get into High school and JR High to recruit students in February.

h. 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan- Survey hasn't changed much from 2012 plan. Goodridge questioned value of paying Mannik & Smith for survey which is virtually the same as previous five-year plan. Clements suggested adding ranking of parks to survey.

i. MRPAP- Dunn or Velliquette will be the designated employee. Motion to approve basic agency

membership for one employee by Dunton, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes.

j. Porta-potty bidding- Contract with Stevens expires 5/1/2018, changes to service must be made 180-60 days before expiration.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Bedford Trade Fair- Things from previous year's trade fair are missing. Volunteers needed for setup, manning booths, and teardown. Door prizes need to be picked out, and candy also. Theme this year is "Small Town Heroes". New park board member shirts need to be purchased through H & S.
- b. ACE pyro fireworks- Motion to approve \$10,000 deposit to ACE Pyro to hold dates of June 23 (24 rain date) for fireworks display by Dunton, seconded by Goodridge. Roll call: Dunn aye, Dunton aye, Goodridge aye, Smith aye, motion carries. Velliquette excused.
- c. Commissioner Information- Updated commissioner information, Treasurer's office takes park reservations now. Dunn is looking into framing park commissioner information to hang in shelters, or possibly laminated sheets to keep expenses down.

Information- Eagle Scout project of bat houses and pet waste bag dispensers for Anstead and White parks has to be approved by Scouts, then Park Board will vote on project installation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Clements looking into sponsorship for having skate park renovations done. The Park Board needs to get the word out that we are looking for donations, endowments, holding fund raising events, etc. He will also bring up the survey information at Township Board meeting to increase community awareness.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by Ms. Dunn.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Dunton
Park Board Secretary