

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 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, Nancy Crandell- Community Ed

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 9c. to New Business: Carr's grove summer camp. Motion was made by Dunton, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised agenda of the February 13, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dunn submitted for correction- Add to Treasurer's report \$260 received from 12-step program for this quarter. Samaria Park 9b- Dunn will meet Kara Worstin from MCHD bimonthly for water testing at Samaria.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised minutes of the January 23, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carries.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to vote on approval of treasurer's report made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Dunn- aye, Smith- aye, Goodridge- aye, Dunton- aye. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION:

Paul Pirrone and CJ Rimmer- Rib-fest. Went over general layout, of vendors, carnival, and stage. Pirrone said rib-fest would cover cost of sheriff, portapottys, and clean up. Rimmer also said that Park Board would have full access to stadium, and band boosters would have booth space all weekend, free of cost, and would be allowed to sell what they always have sold.

3B baseball- Homerun fences. Resident Brian Brenneman called Pirrone about improvements to White Park baseball fields. Gary Rakeish president of 3B spoke, and Matt Wagenhauser VP of 3B was present. He touched on improvements done by 3B to White Park, and general upkeep done by 3B. Also mentioned future improvements 3B plans to do at their cost, and future projects they would like collaboration from Park Board on. Previous movable homerun fence too worn to use at 8 years old. 3B generally seems hesitant on wanting homerun fences installed, would interfere with their scheduling, and that the life of the fences isn't very long, and setup and moving takes considerable time, and must be changed for each different aged league. Pirrone would like budget looked at for improvements to White Park fields.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Spring brochure is being assembled, along with summer camps and parks program.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Don Balazs, president of Band Boosters, spoke of concerns about rib-

fest: traffic issues, and space that will be occupied by rib-fest, which will make even less room for parking. Doesn't think it's a good idea to hold event the same night as the fireworks. Concession space on Saturday and Sunday would be worthless, because nothing is happening inside stadium, so there will be no foot traffic.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Carr's Grove Park:** Great shape, no issues. Had some weekend rentals of hall.

**Samaria Park:** Everything looks good.

**White Park:** Everything looks good. Special park use for parking lots by Shelton Park Church for Easter Egg Hunt at Indian Creek Zoo, April 15, 2017.

**Parmelee Park:** Skate park bids. Looking like minimum of \$35-45,000 in repairs to maintain park for another five to six years, possible that financially, it would be better to close park temporarily and completely rebuild in concrete. Clements suggested that Dennis Kohler, of the township building department, should be consulted as far as what repairs would make the skate park safe enough to use again. Likely that skate park will remain closed for several months.

**Indian Creek Park:** Everything looks good.

**Anstead Park:** Quiet.

Adopt a Park: No report.

h. 5-year Parks and Rec. Master Plan: Survey from Mannik & Smith was approved by all board members.

i. Bedford Trade Fair: Dunn needs people to volunteer for time slots at Trade Fair. Smith said there is February 18 deadline for Park Board to have article to be published in township newsletter. Dunn would like some small write ups on each park for article.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Information

- a. Signed copy of the Agreement with 3B Baseball
- b. Current agreement with Stevens Disposal & Recycling Services, Inc.
- c. Be Their Hero Summer Camp. Motion to approve Carr's grove summer by Smith. Seconded by Dunton. All ayes. Motion carries.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:** Clements said that the rib-fest has not been brought to the attention of, nor is it endorsed by the Township Board. Dunn will be meeting with Kleinhauser about fireworks, to thank for usage of school property for fireworks. Goodridge mentioned another concern with band boosters and rib-fest. Dunn is worried about traffic congestion, and possibility of deterring residents from attending fireworks in the future, because of excess traffic and crowds.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Ms. Dunn.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary