

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2017

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell, Jon Guitierrez

EXCUSED: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Connie Velliquette, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Dunton to approve the agenda of the April 10, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Received letter from GloWorks and check for \$300 for fireworks. Information found on original skate park. First mention of starting one was August of 1999. By September 2000 it was paved for \$7,703, and donated equipment was installed and already being used. Was officially dedicated June 2001, after \$45,000 paid to Suburban Rails, and \$1,341.60 to Al Musch for concrete work. Vandalism has been a chronic issue at Parmelee, even before the skate park was installed, probably because of its more isolated location.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Had \$3,830.24 in expenses, leaving \$7,3221.43 in funds. Received quarterly distribution from township in the amount of \$32,386. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. PRESENTATIONS: None.
7. COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Velliquette requests tabling of approval of community education budget request. Dunn moved to table until April 24 meeting, Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Jon Gutierrez is the new youth coordinator. So far 370 students are enrolled in soccer, softball, tee ball, with signup deadline still a month away. Velliquette mentioned efforts to coordinate schedule for pickleball with other local communities, and posting the schedule on cable channel.
8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Doing well, has been busier. Someone asked if a 20-amp circuit is available for an ice cream machine for a graduation party. Should an extra fee be charged for using such an outlet? Smith will speak with electrician. Velliquette said no water slides are allowed because of cost of water.
 - b. **Samaria Park**: Everything looks good. Dunn received a compliment on how nice the shelter and

play equipment is. Ball diamond may need to be treated with weed killer or dragged, because there was grass growing there last summer.

- c. **White Park**: Velliquette might call Toledo PE Company or Miracle Midwest about the backstop that needs to be replaced. She met with Racquet Sports for quotes about re-doing surface of tennis and pickle ball courts. She's also looking to see if an asphalt company can resurface, and have Racquet Sports line the new surface.
- d. **Parmelee Park**: Skate park renovation phase 1- there was a walkthrough with Kurt and Dennis Kolar, work will be \$4,500 for flats and structure repair, and upgrades to make structures safer, more stable, and more weather resistant. Phase 1 would take about a week. Could be scheduled for last week of April or first week of May. Motion to spend \$4,500 for phase 1 and any additional cost of purchasing new skate surface made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunn. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried. Port-a-potty was vandalized, along with fence, and dumpster. Better cameras should probably be purchased to prevent or at least prosecute future issues. Dunn suggested possibly hiring part time park ranger with flexible hours.
- e. **Indian Creek Park**: The small bridge by Douglas and Consear needs to be checked by maintenance, in addition to the work being done to the other three bridges.
- f. **Ansted Park**: Tree is still down, port-a-potty is gone because of vandalism. Tree will be removed once the ground is dry enough to get a vehicle back to it. The fence has been repaired.
- g. Adopt a Park: Dunn is waiting to visit the schools until September, so that a full school year will be covered.
- h. 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan: No report, but survey is still open.
- i. Fireworks: Velliquette talked to fire chief Massengill about where fire trucks should be parked. A singer has been found for national anthem, Sophie Moore. Goodridge is going to contact Garverick about the two golf carts that will be used that day. Donations received thus far totaling \$2050.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Margerie Cousino had more information about 601 Dean Rd. Damon Cecil has spoken to property owners and told them they aren't allowed to drive on the property, but there are new tire tracks in the pocket parks, nor on the two-foot section of property owned by the road commission. She also thanked the park board for the work done.

12. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Dunn is glad to see Gutierrez. Smith welcomes Gutierrez, and thinks he will do a great job. Goodridge thanked Kurt for being here and discussing phase 1. Clements will make sure word of skate park repairs is passed forward to township board so that it can be started as soon as possible. Velliquette thanked Jon and Kurt.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary