

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2017

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: TC Clements

EXCUSED: Joan Dunton

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Velliquette, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Velliquette added approval of invoice for spraying at Anstead Park. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith to approve the revised agenda of the May 8, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: More donations were received for fireworks. GloWorks contract needs to be signed.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Total expenses this period was \$683.98, total fund balance as of 3/31/17 is \$101,573.87. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. PRESENTATIONS: Lucie Fortin, Mannik & Smith Group with 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan information. Fortin and commissioners looked over park information in her draft, making sure listed park amenities information is up to date. After board approves draft, it will be available to public for 30 days for their input for any changes that should be made. Then park board will approve final draft, after which township board also needs to approve. Fortin then read some results from survey. A public info session will be held on June 12th to get input from citizens on potential park improvements.
7. COMMUNITY EDUCATION: 3B meeting was productive, and community ed and 3B agreed to work with each other regarding softball and baseball team issues and both were happy with meeting. Krandell would like park commission to offer refreshments at White Park for mixer that would be held on June 18th.
8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Aaron Adler 3873 Meadowview- Would like to have a tournament weekend at some of the local parks. He suggested charging entry fees and giving prize money for all the sports that could be played on park properties, and selling refreshments, to help raise park funds.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Nothing to report.

- b. **Samaria Park**: Everything looks good, other than odor from well water. Water purification system could be \$5,000-10,000. Goodridge suggested speaking with a well digger and seeing if there are any other solutions. Samaria heritage group is holding a meeting at 7:00pm 5/9/17 for a dedication for the historic photos they've hung at shelter.
- c. **White Park**: Concession building leak, 3B paid \$1400 for repairs. Renovation quote from Racquet Sports for tennis courts is \$24,000, and Courtsmith hasn't responded with a quote yet. Smith questioned if the project should be put out for bids, because only one quote was received. Smith moved that chair would check on RFP requirements with township clerk on tennis court repairs, and if an RFP is not necessary, move forward with quote from Racquet Sports, otherwise, open project for bids on township website, seconded by Goodridge. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Smith moved that Miracle Midwest quote for delivery of basketball backboard replacement of \$654, with installation to be done by township maintenance department be approved, seconded by Goodridge. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Brush at edge of property should be cleared, and more parking spots would be created. Velliquette will work to get volunteers and equipment to clear this area. More stone will need to be brought in to fill in area.
- d. **Parmelee Park**: Skate park renovation update. Repairs are ongoing, and looks like phase 1 will be completed next week. Goodridge is working to get discounted or possibly free stone and transportation of stone for parking lots. And he will be going to adjust the camera locations so their views are more valuable.
- e. **Indian Creek Park**: Issues with divots and low spots in stone paths are from the wrong type of stone being delivered for walking paths. New correct stone needs to be put down on top of existing stone at White as well. Hanging branches by first bridge and second bridge need to be removed.
- f. **Ansted Park**: Approval of invoice from Designed by Nature for spraying of weeds for \$1695. This money should come out of general maintenance fund. Motion to approve invoice by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Lions Club will build 20 x 20 pavilion, but park commission will have to put down cement for shelter.
- g. Fireworks: Velliquette called Bedford Alliance to assist with cleanup the morning after the fireworks at 8 am. A request for donations was put into park column in township newsletter. Dunton to put a donation request letter in local news.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. Information- 3B financial report.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Aaron Adler- thinks that a lot of money could be made from tournament weekend, and could draw attention to park features.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Dunn feels the board is making great progress. Velliquette reminded that parks are aging, and they need to be taken care of if people would like to continue enjoying them. Smith thanked board members, Fortin, and Adler for their good ideas. Goodridge has concerns about 3B generating profits, and still asking for money from park board. He thanked Fortin, Adler, and Clements. Clements was glad Samaria heritage committee was mentioned, and brought up phragmites problems. He reminded board that he can bring up issues at township board meetings. Also, if a new statue is put up for him, he'd like a bald eagle.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. by Velliquette.

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary

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