

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 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 Gutierrez

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: Velliquette added to new business d. reduction in shelter cost rental request. Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton to approve the revised agenda of the May 22, 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 May 8, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenses of \$2,274.56 with a fund balance of \$76,211.88. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. PRESENTATIONS: None.
7. COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Crandell thanked park board for continued support. Pickleball open house will be moved to the fall. A flyer has been made for reserved court times from May-August. They've been coordinating with 3B people on baseball field times. 3B has decided to direct "less competitive" players to community ed. Smith said next contract with 3B should address issues with 3B taking children away from community ed tee ball and starter ball programs. Clements suggested changes should be brought up in December, before 3B starts any of their new season procedures. Gutierrez said a group of volunteers cleaned up some fields at Indian Creek, and made big improvements.
8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Parking lot and Samaria's lot will be paved through a contract with township hall.
  - b. **Samaria Park**: Parking lot will be repaired through a contract with township hall. Dedication of historical photos went well, and was interesting and informative. Water treatment wouldn't be practical, because the hall isn't used frequently enough to make the cost of a system worthwhile.
  - c. **White Park**: Cleanup at parking lot was successful, with cooperation from Monroe County, Sherriff's department, and BPS. Cars had much more room for parking after the cleanup. Eventually, stone and a fence will be put in to keep the lot more open. A neighbor who owns the adjacent property has mentioned interest in selling that property, which would give more parking area. A thank you letter will

be sent to Sherriff Malone for allowing red shirt group to come and help. Crandell questioned if tennis court resurfacing would affect pickle ball courts, and Velliquette said no.

- d. **Parmelee Park**: First phase of skate park should be done by the end of this week. Some of the surface material is salvageable. A fence company needs to repair the fence section that has been cut. Cameras have all been fixed, a breaker had been tripped, and that has been repaired. Camera angles have been updated, getting parking lot, skate park, and children's play area. Memory available only stays on the drive for a week. Stevens has been contacted about lawn damage caused by driving on the grass, and will repair. A township dump truck was dumping leaves there also.
- e. **Indian Creek Park**: Dead limbs still need to be addressed, and Dunn requested that volunteers come help clean those as well.
- f. **Ansted Park**: Boy scout project of mile markers will be started June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Girl scout wildflower project will be there the end of June. Lion's Den needs a 24x24 slab for the shelter they are donating, could be a cost of roughly \$4200. An area must be selected for shelter to be built, most likely to North of parking lot.
- g. **5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan**: Public input session will be held June 12, 2017 between 6:30-8:30 pm with regular board meeting being held from 6-6:30. Velliquette asked that each commissioner become familiar with park input in the survey results, to prepare for this session.
- h. **Fireworks**: \$3,300 in donations received so far. There is no money in the budget for putting an ad in the paper, so Clements suggested asking for donations on the Township Facebook page, and boosting the post.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Emergency contact information of board members needs to be submitted to clerk's department, in case of emergency during the conducting of official business.
- b. Maintenance procedure will be changed, maintenance will be getting a computer, and a work order will be submitted to them that way.
- c. Time change of June 12, 2017 meeting to 6-6:30 pm. Dunn moved to change time seconded by Smith. All ayes, Motion carried.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Ron Koch, president of the school board said he is supposed to attend meeting and report back to school board. Bedford continues to score above state averages on test scores. DECA, BPA, and robotics team have been travelling. A new musical director has started. Future of TRE is being considered. Possibly a new administration building, or community ed location, and maybe selling the current ad building. An override election will be held in November, for renewal of non-homestead properties millage. Another sinking fund may be needed as well.

12. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Dunn is looking forward to June info session. Dunton thanked everyone for help with last meeting. Velliquette is glad that White Park cleanup has started, and she's also looking forward to public info session. Clements will bring up Fireworks, info session, and help from Red Shirts at township board meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary