

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 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

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 Eagle Scout project request to New Business #1. Clements added Samaria Park proposal to New Business #2. Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunn to approve the revised agenda of the June 26, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Dunton, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenses totaled \$15,897.13 remaining fund balance \$111,259.72. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Gutierrez is working hard on fields, 8 of 9 diamonds are being used. Steve Cielinski has offered to teach pickleball through community education, starting in the fall. The pickleball mixer has been scheduled for August. A new scheduling system has been implemented through the school system, and the bugs are still being worked out of it.
7. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** Maintenance has done a great job taking care of multiple issues. Swing set chains need to be replaced because of pinch danger. A chain ladder also needs to be replaced, for the same reason. Flag is down because the chain to raise it is broken. Dunn would like to purchase solar lights for flags, Velliquette says she thinks there are lights on flags already. A renter popped a circuit by plugging in a rotisserie in the North wall. An electrician said that something that pulls that much power should only be plugged into the kitchen outlets, which are wired for large appliances. This is something that needs to be included in the rental information. Renter claimed Dunn offered \$125 refund because outlet didn't work. Velliquette said something like that should be brought before the board. Smith moved to deny refund to Randy Dewy, Goodridge seconded. Aye: Velliquette, Dunton, Smith, Goodridge; Nay: Dunn, motion carried. Additional renter complaint that Carr Park didn't have garbage bags and cleaning supplies. These items aren't provided, and it should be added to rental agreement information that renter is responsible for bringing garbage bags and cleaning supplies. Velliquette suggested adding stickers to outlets warning about usage. Clements suggested hiring electrician to upgrade circuits. Thermostat cover was broken off of wall, and is gone. Maintenance may be able to fix, depending on level of damage. Smith suggested converting tennis court to pickleball courts.
 - b. **Samaria Park:** New awnings are needed for community center, along with Carr CC. Dunn will look into local companies for replacement. Bedford Beautification Committee planted 10 flats of flowers, for \$80 from Shinkle's.
 - c. **White Park:** One bid was received for tennis court repairs, for \$31,630.00. Motion to approve bid from Tennis Courts Unlimited by Goodridge, seconded by Smith. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Brush clearing has been very successful, and area looks much better. Goodridge raised concern over how many Bedford children can't play on Bedford baseball diamonds because 3B is allowing Ohio children to use

fields. Clements suggested making this a clause in the next contract, that local children get priority.

- d. **Parmelee Park**: Phase two of skate park renovation- Two bids received, one for replacing only most needed surface, the second for replacing the entire surface area. Goodridge suggested inviting Kurt to come to next meeting to discuss bids.
- e. **Indian Creek Park**: Ditches need cleaning out, Velliquette asked if maintenance would allow another company to clean out ditches. Smith said ditch cleaning is not typically done by township maintenance, and he can find out who has done previously, and what the cost was. Bridges need a lot of repairs and maintenance, and there are safety issues. Smith asked if Kurt could also submit a bid for bridge repairs, because township maintenance is very short handed. Motion to approve phase 1 ditch cleaning bid of \$360 from Kwik Cutters by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried.
- f. **Ansted Park**: Native planting project by girl scouts went very well, over 300 plants were planted. Donated pin oak has been planted. The site for the new shelter has been selected, it will be in the North-West corner of the property, next to parking lot. Goodridge moved to approve selected site for 24' x 24' shelter to be built, at least 50' from road and 12' from fence, seconded by Smith. Roll call: Aye: Goodridge, Smith, Dunton, Velliquette; Nay: Dunn. Motion carried.
- g. Fireworks: Everything went well, thank-you ads have been published and thank-you letters have been sent. Cleanup went well, and a lot of positive feedback has been received. A total of \$3950 in donations was received.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shane Miller, 3960 W Samaria, proposing Eagle Scout project at Centennial Park in front of library. He would like to do restorations and repaint. The roof has a hole that needs to be repaired; stairs, benches, and handrails need to be repaired. There has been some vandalism that needs to be addressed too. Most costs would be covered by community through donations, but extensive roof repairs, such as shingling, would have to be done by contractors (which he would find), because it's beyond the troop's scope of knowledge. Repairs would encourage more visitors; his parents were married there in 1991 when the gazebo was in better condition. Velliquette said that depending on price, the park board and / or the township board could help with costs. Estimated \$100 in materials for railing and steps. Clements offered to introduce him to local contractors if Shane checks with local lumber stores first for supply donations or discounts. Goodridge moved to approve Eagle Scout project, Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Samaria Park proposal regarding speeding and truck noise in Samaria. Clements has idea to offer hall as an unofficial substation to law enforcement in Monroe County. Samaria Heritage Committee offered to pay for special lock to allow access to law enforcement personnel. It is centered between Sherriff's office in Monroe and Bedford. The hope is that by having increased police presence in area, it will help with speeding issues. It could also help with water odors, by increasing water circulation. Clements asked if Samaria Heritage made a proposal, would the board be receptive to the idea. The board agrees that it seems like a positive idea.

10. INFORMATION: DNR signs for White & Samaria Parks have arrived. 5 Year Master plan is on hold until Fall.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Margerie Cousino says that Mohawk Trails Park is being driven on again, by dump trucks this time. Cousino spoke with road commission attorney told her there is nothing they can do, but a road ends sign has been placed there. After the sign was placed and new grass was replanted, someone has again driven on the property. She's asking for a fence with reflectors to be put on the property so that it will be obvious it shouldn't be driven on. Velliquette will speak with Pirrone about what else can be done with Mohawk Trails property. Clements asked if lot could be sold, and new property owner could address issues. Velliquette said it could be sold, and would have to be a sealed bid. Goodridge would like to put fence on property.

12. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Smith thanked Miller for his project idea. Velliquette thanked the board for fireworks participation.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary

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