

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 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, Jon Gutierrez

Excused: None.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dunn added fireworks cleanup to old business g, Request for storage of antique bell to new business a, and boy scout project to new business b. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised agenda of the July 10, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes, Velliquette absent. Motion carried.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dunn submitted for correction- Carr CC doesn't need a new awning, they were just replaced a few years ago. Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith to approve the revised minutes of the June 26, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
- 4) **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None.
- 5) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Period \$10,040.28 expenses total park funds of \$111,259.72. Smith mentioned White Park electric bill of \$886.19 for one month due to 3B's night game lighting. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried. An invoice has been received from Kwik Cutters for phase 1 ditch work and some bridge repairs at Indian Creek Park.
- 6) **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** White park has someone asking to coach adult tennis lessons on Monday and Wednesday mornings in August. If this is okay with the park board, are there any advertising possibilities? Board thinks mentioning on cable or facebook would be okay. Pickleball players want night hours for courts, and more pickleball courts.
- 7) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
- 8) **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a) **Carr's Grove Park:** A chain bridge on a play scape is broken, maintenance has been notified, and will address. Dunn spoke with Randy Dewy about his complaint from rental, and she thinks we need to change rental agreement so that it specifies things like outlet usage, and cleaning supplies. Smith said converting tennis courts to pickle ball courts should be considered for next year's budget.
  - b) **Samaria Park:** One awning bid has been received, and Dunn has color samples to bring to next meeting. Because Samaria Heritage Group may no longer be a government entity, concerns were raised over their usage of Samaria Hall for tree lighting event, and especially previously mentioned idea of using hall as a substation. Velliquette said she didn't see why tree lighting should be affected.
  - c) **White Park:** Tennis courts repairs are complete. Smith verified that the funds to pay for repairs will come out of 17-18 budget. Dunn motioned to pay invoice #1710 in the amount of \$31,630 to Tennis Courts Unlimited. Smith seconded. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Courts are much busier, and Velliquette said several cracks were patched by TCU at no charge. Residents asked if they could tape mark tennis courts to use as pickle ball courts, board feels this is a bad idea, and could void warranty on tennis courts. Velliquette said there's a pot hole in the road by the driveway into White Park that is getting larger.
  - d) **Parmelee Park:** Porta-potty wasn't cleaned Friday as scheduled, and because it was full, renter who had shelter that day couldn't use porta-potty. Goodridge offered rental of shelter free of charge next summer, Smith said this shouldn't be something that can be offered independently, and Velliquette agreed that any decisions like this should always be brought before the board. Velliquette thanked Goodridge for his efforts to get porta-potty cleaned out. Goodridge said ruts made by Stevens trucks still haven't been repaired. Kurt

Kraftchick came to answer questions about phase 2 of skate park renovations, because he provided two different quotes for repairing the top skate surface. He said that the lower quote of \$13,500 is all that would need to be done right now, because all of the surface area doesn't need to be replaced at this time. Velliquette said maybe the rest of the surface area could be done the following budget year. He asked if the board would prefer black or tan surface color, he suggested tan, because it's 5% cheaper. Kraftchick suggested having labeled diagram of each apparatus, to make discussing park less confusing, Smith asked for the diagram Kraftchick has already made for himself, so that we can see which structures will be worked on. Goodridge motioned to approve invoice from Kurt's Modern Repair in the amount of \$13,500 for phase 2 of skate park repairs, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: all ayes, motion carried. Goodridge motioned to give Kurt's Modern Repair \$8,500 as a down payment on phase 2 for purchase of surface material, seconded by Dunton. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Kraftchick said there has been a lot of community interest expressed while phase 1 was being done, and phase 2 should be started around the first week of August.

- e) **Indian Creek**: Velliquette said phase 1 ditch cleaning and vegetation trimming from bridges went very well, and Kwik Cutters did an excellent job. Dunn motioned to approve phase 2 of ditch cleaning for \$360 for vine, and cottonwood tree trimming, and recycling debris, and trimming vines on the bank seconded by Goodridge. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Work should be done next week. Another complaint was received about stability of bridges, specifically a bridge on school property. Goodridge had previously asked Kraftchick to look at bridges #2, 3, and 4 and determine what needs to be repaired, he came back with a cost of \$750 per bridge to repair with composite material, and offered to repair one bridge as a donation, if donors could be found for the other two. Dunn said she would donate for one bridge. Velliquette is going to ask Paul Ramirez if the school can contribute. Dunn's donated beech tree will be planted in September.
  - f) **Ansted Park**: Velliquette hasn't heard from Mike Smith regarding shelter. Property line fence work has started; most, if not all, the posts have been placed. Proposal received from Designs by Nature for phase 2 natural planting installation in the amount of \$6,349. Unless previous board already voted and approved original quote, because the price is over \$3,999 the job would have to be put out for bids.
  - g) **Fireworks Cleanup**: Complaints received about cardboard debris. Ace Pyro cleaned up what they have always cleaned, the park board and four volunteers spent several hours cleaning the next day as well. Any small cardboard left on grass is biodegradable, and Ramirez said board could borrow blowers to clean debris off of trails, if necessary. Velliquette will be meeting with complainant to find out where the issue is, and look over the area, because it appears to be clean.
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS**:
- a) Farm bell storage request at Carr: Temperance Action Committee has asked if a donated antique farm bell could be stored at Carr CC until a permanent place can be found. Board doesn't want to commit to anything until after township vote regarding privatization of TAC.
  - b) John Ponke from boy scout troop 777 called to see if any additional work could be done for his service hours. Smith suggested he could refurbish benches at Carr Park, and maybe install treated wood.
- 10) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**: Kraftchick questioned if bell has historic significance to Temperance. He suggested that if it is significant to the area, displaying it at MB&T.
- 11) **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**: Dunn brought article regarding girl scout flower planting at Ansted Park. Goodridge is glad that Kraftcheck showed up and offered his suggestions. Velliquette thanked Kraftchick for all his help, and thanked Clements for being liaison.
- 12) **ADJOURNMENT**: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary