

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 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

Excused: None.

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 to old business h. eagle scout project update. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised agenda of the July 24th Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dunn submitted for correction- word “motioned” should be changed to “moved” in old business c,d, and e. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith to approve the revised minutes of the July 10th Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. **SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Received catalogs from Miracle Midwest and Kirby Built; an invitation to Mannik & Smith’s annual golf outing on August 4th; maintenance work notice from Monroe Country Drain Commissioner; \$5,000 donation from Lions Club for shelter at Ansted Park; \$170 in donations for fireworks; complaint letter from the wife of a veteran with PTSD about fireworks not being advertised enough. Clements suggested contacting newly formed Veterans Committee so that they can help spread the word. Fireworks are advertised on our cable channel, facebook, Bedford Press, Bedford Now, Toledo.com, but not on Toledo news stations or Toledo Blade.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Expenses of \$42,646.67 for period, with Tennis courts skate park deposit being the bulk of expenses. Fund balance \$83,853.42. Motion to approve treasurer’s report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Community Ed now has a facebook page for pickleball. Pickleball courts have scheduled hours on Friday nights now from 5 to dusk at White Park. Thanked Kathy Smiley for connecting pickleballers.
7. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Wayne Dibert, 601 W Dean, requested that he be allowed to purchase vacant pocket park land on Seminole to build a home for his mother.
8. **OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Carr’s Grove Park:** A 6’ bench is being donated in honor of Bertha Cole. Velliquette will pick up and maintenance will install. Several metal benches at Carr need to have seating surfaces replaced.
 - b. **Samaria Park:** A proposal from Wettle Corp. has been received for \$4,860 to replace awnings. The other companies Dunn contacted didn’t submit bids. Cost is above three-bid threshold limit. August 8 will be the next water collection for water testing. Tree limbs are scraping the roof, and Dunn suggested if maintenance can’t trim them, someone should be hired to before there is roof damage. Bushes need trimming, and pine tree is in bad shape. About half of the flowers recently planted at hall are dead, possibly because sprinkler system wasn’t turned on.
 - c. **White Park:** Waste cleared during parking lot cleanup was dumped onto school property. Paul Ramirez said there is too much soil mixed in with roots and tree stumps, and it needs to be removed. Ramirez said soil can be deposited on his personal property if a disposal site can’t be found. Velliquette and Dunn will meet with Pat Thatcher to discuss cleanup of soil. Pothole at entrance to tennis courts is getting worse. Velliquette will contact road commission to see if it’s in the road right of way for them to repair.
 - d. **Parmelee Park:** Benches need refurbishing work, and to be power washed and painted. Boy scouts will

paint them if board supplies the paint. New mulch has still not been delivered to parks. Fence at skate park still needs to be repaired.

- e. **Indian Creek:** Bridge repairs: Paul Ramirez isn't concerned about the stability of the bridges, and will only be power washing and coating the bridges by this winter. Dunn would like a plaque on the bridge that she's donating the cost of repairs for. There are bees or wasps under the benches on the walking trails. Heart of Hope Walk is advertised in paper as happening the weekend of August 19th. Dunn questioned if park board had previous knowledge of the event. She will check with Community Ed to see if they authorized event.
- f. **Ansted Park:** Quote from Mike Smith for \$2,879.30 for supplies for the new shelter only. Kurt's Modern Repair put in a bid to build 24x24 shelter with a metal roof for \$3,975. Motion to approve bid from Kurt's Modern Repair for shelter construction for \$3,975 made by Goodridge, Dunton seconded. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Goodridge estimates that concrete work will be between \$2,500-\$3,000.
- g. 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan: Maintenance schedule in parks needs to be updated.
- h. Eagle scout project: Centennial Park Gazebo work by Shane Miller has already started. He'd like to build an addition bench in front of the gazebo, and asked to put in a stone path. Because the library probably owns the property, park board can't give permission for that.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Goodridge questioned who actually owns pocket parks, Smith has a list of which parks are owned by park board. Smith suggested listing park properties with a realtor rather than sealed bids, to get market value for properties. Clements suggested creating an entity for sale funds to go to, so that potential future budget cuts can be prevented. He also suggested holding properties and waiting for higher property values before selling. Smith suggested that Velliquette be the contact person with maintenance, so that only one person asks for maintenance work. Smith suggested raising the price of fundraising bricks, because they are costing the board more money than they raise. A lot of park maintenance work isn't being completed, due to maintenance being understaffed. Goodridge said Velliquette should speak with Pirrone about park issues not being addressed, because part of park budget is going directly to maintenance. Dunton is working on re-writing park rental agreements, and input is needed from board on what should be added or changed. Dunn brought photos from the fireworks, and an article about the butterfly garden. She also brought up the old issue of the potential natural park area donation.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary