

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

September 11, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Present: Connie Velliquette, Chair, Sally Dunn, & Joan Dunton.

Also Present: Nancy Crandell, Jon Gutierrez

Excused: Lew Smith, Jerry Goodridge, TC Clements

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Velliquette, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Dunton to approve the agenda of the September 11, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Dunton to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Received a thank you letter from Sophia Mohr, playground grant fund matching postcard from GameTime, advertisement from a magician, Gordon Russ.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenses for period \$3,813.43 Remaining fund balance \$52,351.57 Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Dunton, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. **PRESENTATION:** Peter Zapadka and Sean Shepard, Bedford Blast Proposal. Velliquette brought up the issue of having advertisements posted at the parks, and suggested the team could bring a banner to hang during usage. Velliquette asked for clarification on Samaria Hall usage, and they said they would like to rent occasionally. They would also be interested in investing in the concession stand and wood benches at Parmelee Park. Velliquette asked if Bedford Blast would remain exclusively a baseball club, and they said yes. Crandell asked for clarification on their offer of scheduling, and Zapadka said he'd be willing to give his phone number for scheduling the ball diamond. Dunton said allowing a private entity to be in control of scheduling public park features would possibly be a conflict. Dunton suggested possibly finding a way for the park board to give community ed some extra funding to hire seasonal help with scheduling, maybe working something like that in with the new baseball contracts. Gutierrez asked why the Blast split away from 3B, and they responded that Blast is more competitive by being a travel team, and it's more family oriented. Blast currently has four teams- age groups 10, 11, 12, 13, and would assign two teams per field at Parmelee and Samaria.
7. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Six people have signed up for pickleball classes, with two more slots available. Twelve soccer teams so far, and pre-soccer signups still going on. Fifty plus people in cross country. Several classes are starting soon. Crandell thanked Gutierrez for his hard work on the cleanup.
8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
9. **OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** A group wants to use the community center for a craft show and sale in December. Velliquette will invite them to the next meeting to present the idea. Tensil Touch Tower and 9 sets of swing chain replacement. Kurt's Modern Repair will provide a quote to replace.
 - b. **Samaria Park:** A complaint was received about the trees touching the community hall roof, and Velliquette is meeting with a tree trimmer to get a price tomorrow. And there was a complaint about dead bugs in lights, maintenance will address. Dunn said there was a delay in getting the down payment of the awnings, but it has been take care of.
 - c. **White Park:** Very busy.
 - d. **Parmelee Park:** Complaint about kids riding on bicycles in skate park, and the hole in the fence needs to be repaired. Velliquette got two quotes Bedford Fence for \$480 and Monroe Fencing for \$875, and is waiting for a third. Dunn made a motion to pay Bedford Fence \$480 to repair the hole in the fence at the skate park, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. The sign that says no bicycles in skate park

was removed, and needs to be replaced. Velliquette is going to have one made.

- e. **Indian Creek:** Dunn thanked Gutierrez for his cleanup efforts, and she thinks it would be a good idea to advertise in a local paper how much work still needs to be done, to get more volunteers. A dog waste bag post that was installed by an Eagle Scout is missing. The bags need refilled in the other posts.
- f. **Ansted Park:** The shelter work has been postponed because of the builder's schedule. Velliquette would like to buy mulch for the flower beds. Dunn made a motion to purchase 40 bags of mulch for the native flower planted sections, up to \$200, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Goodridge has quote for three picnic tables for \$2,241.
- g. Sale of Seminole pocket park property, in Mohawk Trail subdivision: A realtor gave sale information for comparable properties sold in the last two years, sale prices were \$9,000, \$26,500, and \$29,900.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Dunn, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary