

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2017  
Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Connie Velliquette, Chair, Lew Smith, Jerry Goodridge & Joan Dunton.

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell, Jon Gutierrez

Excused: Sally Dunn

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:** Velliquette added 8i. fireworks date. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dunton to approve the revised agenda of the September 25, 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 September 11, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Flyer from Culligan Water regarding renting water coolers, and a flyer for bleachers.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenses for period \$4,191.54 Remaining fund balance \$33,658.01. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. **PRESENTATIONS:** Lucie Fortin, Mannik & Smith- 5 Year Recreation Plan: Fortin outlined suggestions for future park plans. Goodridge asked about timeline for grants, Velliquette said ideas should be brought to grant writing committee. Motion to approve draft of plan for 30-day public review made by Dunton, seconded by Smith. All ayes, motion carried.
7. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Everything is going well; nothing new to report. Velliquette asked for estimated costs of pickleball nets, lockers, etc. so it can be figured into budget. Velliquette also asked how much money would be needed to hire seasonal help with scheduling issues. Crandell asked if extra money could be included to help refurbish Indian Creek baseball fields.
8. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
9. **OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** Women's restroom has a leak, and maintenance has been notified. Renter raised a concern about dumpsters being full before the weekend, because someone had dumped deer carcasses there last year. Locking dumpsters was suggested, and issuing a key to renters and garbage company.
  - b. **Samarina Park:** Sprinklers are turned on, but flowers in the front are still not being watered.
  - c. **White Park:** A light was replaced by Musco, with a 25-year warranty. A shelter that was donated and built by Lion's Club wasn't built correctly, and needs repair work and bracing. At least 30 pieces of different types of broken glass were found scattered under the length of the swing set, a police report was filed.
  - d. **Parmelee Park:** Motion made by Goodridge to approve invoice for \$720 for repair work to nine benches, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: all ayes, motion carried.
  - e. **Indian Creek:** Velliquette asked Goodridge for cost of widening one of the bridges to 8 feet.
  - f. **Ansted Park:** Motion to approve bid from Miracle Midwest for \$2,516 for three picnic benches by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: All ayes, motion carried. Mike Spratt would be willing to use his builder's license for pavilion as long as he's listed on the insurance and workman's comp policies.
  - g. **Sale of Pocket Park-Seminole:** Recommended minimum selling price for Seminole is \$29,900 plus assessments. Clerk Hershberger found listing from 1996 showing seven park properties for sale. Three sold for \$20,000, \$25,000, and \$26,000 each. Velliquette will look into property information to see if four remaining properties are worth selling.
  - h. **Discussion of Bedford Blast presentation:** Velliquette said a travel team has been allowed to use Parmelee in the past, and it was fine. She said a previous contract could be used. Dunton suggested implementing a rental

fee for ball fields to help cover seasonal scheduling help. \$1-2/ hour daytime hours, and night rental hours at White Park should be an extra surcharge to cover electric bill. Crandell raised concern that by allowing private entities privileges in public parks, it takes fields away from the community. Smith suggested he and Goodridge meet with Bedford Blast to negotiate contract details, and to meet with 3B for renegotiating contract.

- i. Fireworks 2018 date: Ace Pyro has Friday June 22, with 23 as the rain date tentatively scheduled. Motion to approve these dates made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith. Roll Call vote: all ayes, motion carried.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Goodridge will get in touch with Kurt regarding pavilion and bridges, and the chains at Carr Park.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary