

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 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

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 discussion about Bedford Blast Proposal to 9g. Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith to approve the revised agenda of the October 9, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Clements submitted for correction that he wasn't present at last meeting. Motion was made by Dunton, seconded by Goodridge to approve revised the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Old contracts with 3B included a small payment from the park board to 3B, and significantly more money to community ed.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.
6. PRESENTATIONS: None.
7. COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Six or seven new courses will be added in the upcoming term, including chess, financial literacy, and musical jazz tap. The Y approached community ed. to possibly merge basketball programs, because of a deal between the Y and the Cleveland Cavaliers.
8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.
9. OLD / NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: The porta-potty has been severely vandalized and needs to be cleaned. Approval of chain repair: Motion to approve bid from Kurt's Modern Repair bid #2 for \$1,385 for replacing 24 swing chains and climbing chains, provided the same amount of work will be done as option #1, made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
  - b. **Samaría Park**: Motion to approve Bradford pear tree trimming bid from Northwestern Tree Svc for \$450 made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
  - c. **White Park**: Pickle ball courts are busy. Small shelter needs new corner posts and more bracing.
  - d. **Parmelee Park**: Motion to approve invoice from Bedford Fence for \$480 to repair hole in fence around skate park made by Dunton, seconded by Smith. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Smith recently visited Bowling Green's Veterans Park that has a concrete skate park, splash pad, pool, shelter houses, playground set, and skating rink. He'd like to model a Bedford park off of it, because it's a very nice park. Crandell suggested looking into a grant, and that Promedica offers grants for green spaces. Clements sits on a board with Dan Schwanke, the president of Promedica Monroe. Velliquette suggested Carr Park as a good location for something like that, and it would be a good model to reference if the board sought a millage.
  - e. **Indian Creek**: Signage needs to be put up once the bridge repairs are completed, to inform people where the handicap accessible bridge is located. Velliquette will look at pile of stumps and dirt from White Park cleanup.
  - f. **Ansted Park**: Shelter house will be started in two weeks. Velliquette ordered the three new benches.
  - g. Bedford Blast discussion: Smith and Goodridge have an upcoming meeting with Shepard and Zapadka. They will discuss concerns, and terms of the potential agreement. The idea of allowing free usage of the fields for one year to allow for field improvements, and then charging rental fees for all ball fields the following year

was discussed.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Goodridge will contact Kurt's Modern Repair and inquire about handicapped bridge, White Park shelter house.

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

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary