

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 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, Lucie Fortin

Excused: None.

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 Goodridge, seconded by Dunn to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: A Thanksgiving card from Mannik & Smith, a renewal notice from MParks, StoneCo pricing sheet for 2018, the affidavit of publication for the public hearing regarding the new master plan, and a Dick's Sporting Goods catalog.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$11,419.80. Remaining fund balance \$25,153.70. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Public Hearing and board discussion on five-year master plan: Hearing opened at 7:05. Motion to close public hearing made by Dunn, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:06. Board members haven't had any additional comments, Mannik & Smith haven't received any comments or complaints either. Fortin made the adjustments that were brought up by the board at the 9/25/17 meeting. Clements suggested contacting the grant writing committee to see if there's a way to get more funding for future projects in the five-year plan. Motion to support adoption of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Township Board made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried.
7. Community Education: Basketball leagues are starting, registration numbers were high, and space was an issue. They are hoping to have access to TRE for games.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** All is well. Allied Paving and Courtsmith were contacted about prices for tearing the tennis courts out, and having either two new tennis courts, or one tennis court and two pickleball courts.
  - b. **Samaria Park:** Water leak in men's restroom had to be fixed by a plumber, because township maintenance couldn't fix it. Wettle said new awnings should be hung by Thanksgiving. Michigan DEQ said the water passed inspection, and another water check will be done on 11/15 by the county.
  - c. **White Park:** Shelter renovation is complete.
  - d. **Parmelee Park:** Phase 2 of the Skate Park check has been issued. A tree had been set on fire, and because it posed a safety hazard, Goodridge had to hire a tree company to remove it.
  - e. **Indian Creek:** Invoice for the 48" wide accessible bridge was received. The beech tree was planted on 11/5.
  - f. **Ansted Park:** Shelter Construction Update. Everything is marked and ready to be setup. Velliquette brought in a sign for the Monarch garden, showing that it is an official Waystation for the conservation of Monarch butterflies.
  - g. Bedford Blast meeting: Smith and Goodridge met with Sheppard and two others from Bedford Blast. They would need the fields Mondays to Thursdays for 2-3 hours per day, with about 22 games in April-June. They agreed to supplement porta-potties at the parks. They may ask to use lights at Parmelee. They asked if they could spray for weeds and apply pesticides by a licensed contractor. They'd like to have the first application

in the fall months. They asked that if other teams use the fields, that they would contribute to the maintenance or upkeep as well. They would like to build wooden dugouts, and a homerun fence at Parmelee. They agreed to mow the diamonds they use. They asked if they could put up sponsor signs to show who's donated. They would provide financial statements showing their income and expenditures. They asked for use of the civic club area for parking. Smith said before and after photos would be needed to show their improvements. Bedford Blast would have to contact the civic club about using their property. The board would allow sponsor signs, within certain size limits and that simply state that the business/person donated for maintenance and improvements at the ball diamond. The board will not allow Bedford Blast to charge fees to others using the fields, but the board may be implementing a fee for everyone renting fields. If lights are used, the board may charge for electricity. The board would allow licensed spraying for weeds.

- h.** Wheeler Property: There has to be a parking lot, and some type of trail for the park board commission to accept the property. Pete Zaums is trying to get approval from the Attorney General for a parking lot and small trail. The board feels having this land as a nature preserve would be a valuable asset to the community. Dunn said Eagle scout candidates could build wooden benches for the sides of the trail, and possibly bird houses. Smith suggested bat houses also. Velliquette said that Paul Pirrone is in favor of the board accepting the property.
- i.** Approval of dates and times for the 2018 Park Board meetings: Velliquette asked board to consider meeting once per month, and holding special meetings if something else comes up. Motion to table approval of meeting schedule until November 27th meeting made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Dunton has the White Park bathroom and concession keys, and will make copies to distribute to the rest of the board to add to their hall keys. Goodridge asked about the lease terms on the concession stand at Parmelee.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary