

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

February 12, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell

Excused: None.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Goodridge added food trucks to 9g. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith to approve the revised agenda of the February 12, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: Holiday Card from Ace Pyro, and eight playground equipment catalogs.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$1,026.76. Remaining fund balance \$75,400.80. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentation: Drew Espenshade from Ace Pyro Fireworks. Espenshade said 50% of the contract is due within the next couple weeks, and final payment at least 5 days before the display date. He said the debris found after the fireworks is all biodegradable, and isn't dangerous. If it is a problem esthetically, they can budget more cleanup into the contract.
7. Community Education: Spring / Summer brochure is being started. Pickleball lessons will continue.
8. Comments from the Public: Dan Foster and Sawna Bessette 1574 W Samaria. Foster has a degree in horticulture, and is interested in fruiting trees. He said he has a lot of trees that he doesn't have a home for, and he'd like to put them in a park, possibly Ansted. He would be willing to offer opinions on native flowers, grasses, and plants. Bessette said she worked for Toledo Botanical Gardens and she can put the board in contact with someone there regarding controlled burns.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. Park Board Budget: Motion to approve 2018 – 2019 budget request as written made by Dunton, seconded by Smith. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Wheeler Property: Goodridge spoke with Phil Goldsmith and Pete Zaums, and Zaums is supposed to be sending paperwork to Goldsmith, and then Goldsmith will initiate the transfer. \$60,000 in funds will be given towards trail, parking lot, monument, and signage. Dunn wanted to re-emphasize that the trail has to be ADA compliant. Clements suggested purchasing a lot more stone at the same time to get a discount on stone for paths at other parks as well.
 - c. Approval of Stevens Refuse Contract: Motion to approve contract with Stevens Contract for 2018 – 2019 made by Dunn, seconded by Smith. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - d. Carr's Grove Park- Summer Camp Request: Motion to approve the request made by Monroe County ISD to use Carr Park community center free of charge from 9-noon on July 17, 24, 31 and August 7 was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried.
 - e. Baseball Contracts: Goldsmith said he would have something written up within a week. Smith and Goodridge met with 3B regarding the new contract, and informed them that they would have to be responsible for water and light bills, and asked for a calendar of the days that they are using the diamonds, so that other Bedford residents may have use of the diamonds. 3B was very cooperative over new details.
 - f. Approval to pay fireworks deposit: Motion to approve \$20,000 contract with ACE Pyro for June 22, with a rain date of June 23 made by Dunton, seconded by Smith. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - g. Food truck vendors at fireworks: Clements said that Don Balazs, the president of the band boosters, made the

suggestion that the park board charge a fee and allow some food trucks to operate at the fireworks. The band boosters have already said they would acquiesce food sales to the trucks, and sell only beverages, in the interest of improving the overall event. Dunton said there is already a fee established for the elephant ear truck, and the board should stay consistent with that amount for all trucks. Crandell is familiar with working with food trucks, and advised that they should be booked soon, and she said \$350 is fairly standard for this area.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Dunton suggested that the Wheeler property would be perfect for planting of fruiting trees. Goodridge asked Dunn about the items for the trade fair booth, she said she has everything, and will need to buy candy if we're going to be handing it out. Smith asked if it would be possible to have a map of some type of the Wheeler Property. Dunn is looking to print some new brochures for the table.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary