

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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: Nancy Crandell, Jon Gutierrez

Excused: TC Clements

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Velliquette, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Velliquette added to agenda Miracle equipment quote to 9a, John Ponke Eagle scout project to 9i. Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised agenda of the August 14, 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 July 24, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** We received a catalog from Kirby Built. Fireworks for this year weren't advertised on channel 13, 11, or Toledo Blade. Next year a point should be made to notify them. Brought up idea of making up a few small yard signs to put on school property the Monday before the fireworks that state, "Fireworks this weekend!" so they may be reused every year.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Expenses for period \$12,797.46. Remaining fund balance \$83,853.42. Stevens is having problems with their billing, which is why there are so many bills from them this period. Smith called and had the late fees reversed, because board didn't receive original invoices. The light bill at White park is significant. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. Shane Miller, Eagle Scout Project of Bi-Centennial Park Gazebo. He's finished with wood repairs and painting, and he brought photos of his work. He's gotten a quote for \$750 to redo the roof, and it would be sealed so that it would last longer. He'll email the information to Velliquette. Costs of his project were \$150. On his way to the meeting, he saw people were doing photos at the gazebo. He thanked the board for approving his project, and will be reviewed for Eagle Scout sometime this month.
 - b. Casey Reddy requesting ballfield at Carr, Parmelee, or Samaria Park as home field for Bedford Blast Baseball. It's a travel league with four teams aged 10-13. Currently they play on a church field, but they'd like to fix up Bedford fields and play there. They'd be willing to add fencing and dugouts, and they'd like to have spaces for local businesses to sponsor and advertise. They'd have approximately 40 home games per season (April-June). They'd like primary scheduling rights, not exclusive. If they had two fields, they could potentially host a tournament in Bedford as well. Smith raised questions about fence locations, and legality of allowing businesses to advertise on public property. Community Ed is already starting to feel overwhelmed with scheduling on all of the ball diamonds. If approved, work on the fields would need to begin in the fall. Board asked him to come up with something in writing so terms could be agreed upon.
 - c. Pete Zapadka and Sean Shepherd, requesting ballfield at Samaria Park as home field. They are also part of Bedford Blast, and would like Samaria as a home field. They'd add benches and possibly dugouts through fundraising.
7. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** August 27 2-4 is the pickleball mixer at White Park, with demos for the first hour and then short play instruction. Pickleball group is close to 100 members. Steve Salinski will be offering a class through Community Ed this fall. There are several pick-up games throughout the week. League is asking if Park Board would be willing to donate racquets and balls for door prizes at the mixer. Motion to donate up to \$110 for two paddles and a couple cans of balls to be purchased by Community Ed made by Dunn. Seconded by

Smith. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carries. The fall brochure has gone out, and numbers will be available at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Sean Shepherd Grew up playing pickle ball, and is glad to see it in the community. Charles Mahoney regarding the vacant park lot on Seminole Trail. When park equipment was removed, the foundation and pipe from the merry-go-round was buried. He cleaned the park, and has been taking care of it since 1971. He said it's overgrown and dangerous, and would like to see something done to the lot.
9. OLD / NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** Request for refund from renter. Two weekends ago, the lights in the women's restroom weren't working. Maintenance has fixed the problem. Motion to deny request for refund made by Goodridge, Seconded by Smith. Roll Call vote: Goodridge aye, Smith aye, Dunn nay, Dunton aye, Velliquette nay. Motion carries. A quote was received from Miracle Midwest to replace broken chains at Carr Park for \$3,086.20, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Velliquette suggested taking climbing piece down if it's not going to be repaired. Smith asked if uncoated chains could be used on swings.
 - b. **Samaria Park:** Dunn was at Hall for water testing, and hasn't gotten results yet. She brought an updated quote from Wettle for replacing awnings, and forest green color swatch. It includes warranty information, and care and cleaning instructions. She contacted the clerk's office regarding three-bid policy, and was told that we need to show that the board at least tried to get three different bids for anything priced over \$500. Dunn did contact three different companies over the past few months for bids. Motion to approve the Wettle awning repair bid for \$4,860 by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call vote: Dunn aye, Goodridge nay, Dunton aye, Smith nay, Velliquette aye. Motion carried.
 - c. **White Park:** Tennis and Pickleball courts are being used constantly.
 - d. **Parmelee Park:** Still waiting on pieces for the skate park. No complaints. A bid from Kurt's Modern Repair to repair nine benches and a second bid to also replace wood with non-wood material that won't need as much upkeep. Motion to approve option two from Kurt's Modern Repair for \$720 made by Goodridge, seconded by Smith. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - e. **Indian Creek:** Nothing to report.
 - f. **Ansted Park:** Bedford Fence invoice needs to be approved, after the property line fence was installed, and a new gate. Motion to approve invoice from Bedford Fence for \$7,783.50 for work at Ansted Park made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. The cement footer for the pavilion has gotten a quote for \$2,750 from Kurt's Modern Repair. Motion to approve bid from Kurt's Modern Repair for cement footer made by Goodridge seconded by Smith. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - g. Discussion on blow-up devices and bounce houses: Board agrees that neither should be allowed at parks, and this will be written into the new rental agreements.
 - h. Information: Newsletter article due by August 25, 2017. Dunn will be coordinating this article.
 - i. John Ponke Eagle Scout project will be leading a park cleanup at Parmelee Park, and possibly White Park as well.
10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Pete Zapadka asked if Bedford Blast should have their proposal written by the next meeting.
11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Dunn gave the photos she took at the fireworks to Sophia Mohr and her family. Goodridge asked if the pocket park on Seminole would be added to next meeting's agenda.
12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunton, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary