

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

October 12, 2015

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chair, Connie Velliquette, Sally Dunn, Michele DeLaney, & Garnet Francis.

ALSO PRESENT: Jake Sorosiak, Community Education, Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Mohr, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis reported payment was received for the cell tower rental. Expenses included spraying of Phragmites at Ansted Park for \$1100.00, repairing of siding at Carr Park for \$225.00, the repair of air conditioner at Samaria for \$217.35, the Poop bags and holders at Ansted for \$122.70, plus normal operating expenses for a total of \$3099.51. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak reported over 200 players are involved in the soccer program using Indian Creek Park. He expressed his thanks to the Park Board for keeping the park clean and well-kept. Community Ed has recently started a Men's Basketball League which he is very excited about. He also reminded the Board to be at the Jr. High by 6:50 on October 26 to help Comm. Ed. judge costumes.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Carr's Grove Park** – Velliquette shared a concern expressed by Gail Keane of people coming in and using the Community Center who have not rented it. This does not seem to be a reoccurring problem, but Francis will add something to the permit addressing it.

**Downtown Temperance Day Issue** – Velliquette has plans to meet with Keane and Whitson to discuss this issue on Oct. 27, 2015.

**Samaria Park** – Francis reported the maintenance department is dragging the weeds on the ball diamonds at Samaria, Carr, and Indian Creek Parks two or three times before spraying them. Also more stone needs to be added to these diamonds. DeLaney mentioned weeds are coming up through the mulch in the playground area. Francis will have this checked.

**White Park** –

**Rekeying of gates and concession stand** – Mohr will discuss this with 3B Baseball.

**Issue of Increased Parking** – Mohr plans to discuss this with 3B Baseball to see if they will partner with the Park Board to get this accomplished. The situation of illegal parking at White Park and the danger it creates

was discussed. Fall baseball and fall football going on at the same time may be part of the problem. O'Dell suggested we ask the Sheriff's Department to ticket those who are illegally parked. Francis will verbally do this and Dunn will send a letter.

Velliquette reported a group of 8 have regularly attended the Pickleball practices and many have expressed an interest in continuing indoors through the winter. Sorosiak felt he could provide a school gym for this. Velliquette will meet with Cheri Reed from Comm. Ed. to discuss the purchasing of the nets and to see about Comm. Ed. setting up classes for both the winter and spring sessions. Mohr will check on the signs for the Pickleball courts.

**Parmelee Park** – Mohr reported Parmelee is busy with disc golfers and skateboarders. He noted that Bedford Lion's Football is doing a good job of directing parking to the Civic Club, the football field is well-kept, they have a nice practice field, and the concessions stands are in excellent shape.

**Indian Creek Park** – Dunn was concerned with large holes in the parking lot, but this is the responsibility of the Bedford Schools Buildings and Grounds Department. Dunn will notify them.

**Ansted Park-**

**Farming/Problems** – Francis is concerned because the property on the corner of Lewis and Samaria is up for sale and this is currently the only access for the farmers to reach the northern park area. Discussion followed regarding applying for Metro Funds to build a culvert on Lewis Ave. north of the cemetery so the park land would not be land locked. O'Dell suggested the Park Board first find out the cost, then bring it to the Roads Committee to see if Metro Funds can be used, and then take it to the Township Board. Francis will work on this.

**Adopt-A-Park** – Nothing to report.

**Signage and crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks** – None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

**DeLaney** – None.

**Velliquette** – None.

**Francis** – Handed out copies of the Maintenance Agreement with 3B Baseball and the White Park Concession Building and Ball Diamond Use Agreement for everyone to go over before the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Dunn** – None.

**Mohr** – Thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn  
Park Board Secretary

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Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

October 26, 2015 – **6:00 p.m.** – early due to Comm. Ed. costume party judging.

November 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

November 16, 2015 – **6:00 p.m.** – Meeting of the Whole

November 30, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – rescheduled, due to the Thanksgiving holiday

December 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

