

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
August 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Jake Sorosiak, Community Education

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 Francis to approve the revised agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 Park Board meeting with two minor grammatical changes. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dunn handed out an updated Park Board Directory.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis explained current expenses, noting Ansted Park's expenses will be charged to grant monies. Motion made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's Report with expenses totaling \$4962.87 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Dunn, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Francis read a report from Sorosiak. Walk Bedford is all set for August 21st at the Indian Creek Shelter at 6 pm. Challenger Baseball's location has been moved to the ball diamonds behind Douglas Road Elementary because of the new handicap accessible playground. The Pickleball Grand Opening is all set for September 13th at 2 pm. Connie Mierzejewski (USAPA Pickleball Ambassador) plans to attend.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

OLD BUSINESS

Carr's Grove Park – Velliquette mentioned the rubber on the swing chains is cracked and needs to be replaced or taped, more mulch and weeding is needed around Gazebo, and she would like the front entrance cleaned up.

Samaria Park – The peeling picnic tables are being painted green and Maintenance will replace the water spotted ceiling tiles. DeLaney has replaced the tin can inside the cigarette holder and had the diamond drag tied back up. Dunn is working on getting the Country Kids Group involved in our Adopt-A-Park Program. Francis spoke on water issue. The Deep Well Chlorination was performed and the Monroe County Health Department will be back out to retest the water.

White Park – Velliquette expressed concern over kids playing Hockey on and scraping the Pickleball Courts. DeLaney reported that John Decker and Pete Davis will be repairing the bathroom wall, replacing the partition, and painting the bathrooms in the concession stand. All materials and labor is being donated.

Parmelee Park – Drinking fountain has been turned off as there is still a water leak somewhere in the line.

Indian Creek Park – Dunn spoke on the cost of signage for the park. There was agreement that a sign would be nice, but concern over other more pressing expense items. O'Dell suggested getting more bids for the Indian Creek signs and the fences at White Park and then these expenses could be considered when the budget is being set up for next year.

Ansted Park - Francis reported that the trail is now laid out. The next step is to spray the phragmites and loose strife weeds and to spray Round-up on the rest of the area. Dave Wehner is checking with Ida Co-op to do the Round-up. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve Vern Stevens of Designs By Nature to spray for phragmites and loose strife weeds at a cost not to exceed \$1100.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Adopt-A-Park - Dunn is coordinating with Principal of Bedford High School to set up an after school program for young people from Bedford High School and Bedford Jr. High who are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Park program.

Signage and Crosswalk at Indian Creek & White Parks - Dunn will meet with the Traffic Safety Engineers to find out what can be done at this intersection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for use of Miller Park – Francis brought to the Board a request from a Bedford resident to use Miller Park for parking. Discussion followed regarding liability. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve a request by Colleen Alexander for use of Miller Park on the corner of Crabb & Substation to use as overflow parking on August 29, 2015 for a family wedding and that any damages incurred will be repaired by the Alexander family. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None. Francis will notify the Monroe County Sheriff's Department of this decision.

Grand Opening of Pickleball Courts – Discussion followed on when to put information in the newspapers. Francis mentioned it would also appear in the Bedford Township Newsletter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

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

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

Nancy Gin
Recording Secretary