

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Amended minutes

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

December 14, 2015

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chairperson, Connie Velliquette, Sally Dunn (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Michele DeLaney, and Garnet Francis.

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

EXCUSED: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by DeLaney to approve the agenda with the addition of a Presentation following the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2015 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Total expenses totaled \$2,322.79 which included the replacement part for the spring rider at Carr Park for \$217.00. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Dunn.

PRESENTATION: Phillip Wolff, 1682 West Temperance Road, from Eagle Scout Troop 720 handed out a service project proposal and requested approval to construct and place three park benches in Ansted Park. The benches would be mirror images of the benches that already exist in Ansted Park and would be placed at locations of the Board's choosing. He plans to have the project completed by March, 2016. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by DeLaney to allow Phillip Wolff to add three additional park benches to Ansted Park as he proceeds with his Eagle Scout project. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, DeLaney, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Dunn. This project is dependent on the approval of the leadership of Troop 720.

BID OPENING FOR FARMING ANSTED PARK PROPERTY: Francis updated the board on the status of the additional entrance to this property. Stewart has approved Metro Funds to be used to place an entrance off Lewis Avenue, just north of the Cemetery. It will be a stone drive, approximately 24 feet wide. The Road Committee is applying to the Road Commission for approval and contractors are being contacting. It should be completed before Spring of 2016. Mohr opened the four bids received for farming approx. 18.725 acres of Ansted Park property, parcel number 5802-011-010-83 for two years; 2016-2017.

Timothy Haise, Haise Farms, 9953 Minx Rd, Temperance: \$1,872.50 (\$100.00/acre).

Rob Clare, Rob Clare Farms, 402 W. Samaria Rd, Temperance: \$125.00/acre.

Herbert Smith, 628 E. Morocco Road, Temperance: \$105.00/acre.

Jordan Zornow, 3549 Consear Road, Lambertville: \$110.00/acre.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to accept the high bid from Rob Clare at 402 W. Samaria Rd., of \$125.00 per acre for the farming of land at Ansted Park for a period of two years (2016-2017

farming seasons) contingent upon the signing of a contract drawn up by the Township attorneys and signed by both parties. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Velliquette, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Dunn.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Sorosiak made a formal request to the board to request the payment of \$35,000 allocated in the 2015-2016 budget for the support of the Community Recreation program operated through Community Education. Sorosiak reminded the Board members of the importance of Community Ed. in our community. Shawn Mullins along with Cheri Reed will be filling in for Sorosiak during his upcoming leave of absence.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Carr's Grove Park:

Replacement Part for Spring Rider: This has been ordered and delivered.

Communication from Kristy Whitson, Temperance Day: Velliquette explained she has received a letter from Whitson revoking her request to reserve Carr Park for Downtown Temperance Days. Velliquette has forwarded this letter to TAC.

Vandalism – lights on Christmas Tree and Gazebo: Last week someone damaged the electrical power supply unit. Maintenance was able to repair it. Francis reported it to the sheriff's department. The camera security company suggested adding a monitor and mouse to the security system for better viewing.

Francis brought two requests for Community Center use early in the 2016 year. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the use of the Community Center for Paul Pirrone on January 2, 2016 and for 3B Baseball on February 16, 2016. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Velliquette, Dunn, Francis, DeLaney, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Samaria Park: *Dunn reported her Adopt A Park meeting tonight with the 4H Country Kids went well.*

White Park: Due to people dumping large items in the dumpsters at the Park, DeLaney suggested having the dumpsters removed for the winter season. Francis will look into the cost and feasibility.

Correspondence Regarding the Tennis Courts: An email was received from Kathleen Ahonen, a Bedford resident, mentioning the poor condition of the tennis courts and questioning whether they were slated for renovation. Velliquette let her know that cost was a factor. The Board will look into this for next year's budget.

Parmelee Park: It's been busy due to the unseasonably warm weather.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn reported she is still seeking quotes for new signage and is still working on the safety issues.

Ansted Park: The neighbor to the south of the park has posted "No Trespassing" signs, many of which are on Park property. Francis has asked Cecil from the Ordinance Department to speak to him. Discussion followed. Francis will check on getting the property line staked off and will check on the cost of fencing.

Bids for planting of Ansted Park Wild Grasses Area: Francis received a proposal by Designs By Nature for the planting of the Wild Grass Area in the amount of \$16,734.00. Discussion followed and it was determined that either more estimates were needed or some other options were needed to decrease this amount. Francis will contact Vern Stephens of Design By Nature to see if any cost reductions can be made to the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pricing for Community Center and Shelter Usage for 2016: currently the Board charges \$25.00 to use one of the park shelters for the day. The rental fee for the Community Centers is \$225.00 for Bedford residents, \$250.00 for non-Bedford residents, and \$100.00 for Funerals, 501C-3 Non-Profits, Employees or Committee members, plus the \$200.00 security deposit. Francis suggested we change the rental price of the Community Centers to be a flat rate of \$250 regardless of whether the renter is a Bedford resident or not in order to eliminate the confusion it causes and to keep all the other prices the same. Motion was made by DeLaney, seconded by Velliquette to have a flat-rate of \$250.00 for Carr and Samaria hall rental beginning January, 2016. Motion carried on a roll-call vote as follows: Ayes: DeLaney, Velliquette, Francis, Dunn, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: The Park Board Commissioner's along with O'Dell decided to make a personal donation of \$35.00 each to purchase four \$50.00 gift cards to thank the Maintenance guys for all their help over the year.

Each Commissioner wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn
Park Board Secretary

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Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

January 11, 2016

January 25, 2016