

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

August 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: John Mohr, Chairperson, Connie Velliquette, Garnet Francis, & Sally Dunn

ALSO PRESENT: Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Michele DeLaney

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 by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Francis, seconded by Velliquette, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 Park Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Francis reported that the Telecom tower payment of \$1,950 was received. The bills included \$1,300 for G. B. Warnke for the survey for the fence at Ansted Park, \$1,434.01 for Consumers Energy for White Park, and \$420 for mowing of Indian Creek Park ditch. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Dunn to approve the Treasurer's report as presented with expenses totaling \$4,679.72. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Dunn, Velliquette, and Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: DeLaney.

PRESENTATION: None.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carr's Grove Park: Velliquette reported that the kitchen light was left on. Francis received a call from Cookie; the faucet in the men's bathroom is leaking. One of the plastic tables is broken. Roger may have to pitch it. Ola Wojiechowski reported that the kitchen faucet sprays everywhere. Velliquette reported that ice cream was left in freezer. Francis will have Roger check on all of these items.

Samaria Park: Francis reported on double usage at Samaria again for this weekend.

White Park: DeLaney excused.

Update On Broken Cable: Francis reported that the cost of the Buckeye broken cable would be \$6,000. Buckeye does not charge government entities, so we will not need to pay for the cable.

Update On Glass In Playground Area: Francis reported that a woman came into Township Hall on August 1 with a chard of glass as big as her hand. This looked like plate/flat glass. Francis did not ask the woman if she had taken the pictures of the glass in the mulch. Francis called Miracle of Michigan where we purchased the new mulch. They will send someone out. Roger thinks the glass was not in the mulch. There was broken glass near the dumpster. Roger will rake the mulch out again.

Concerns Regarding Streetlights at White Park Entrances: Francis questioned why lights at entrances are needed when the park is closed. Dunn suggested that some games might last until after dark. O'Dell indicated that it is dark at those entrances, and we need to insure the safety of park visitors; this is the number one issue. O'Dell said the cost should not outweigh the safety concerns. The electric cost would be approximately \$8 a month; the cost of the lights would be approximately \$200 each; \$400 for both. Mohr suggested we find out how many streetlights are on Douglas Road between Consear Road and Dean Road.

Parmelee Park: Dunn reported that Cherise Hall called her on August 7 and said the power was out at the shelter. Since Mohr was out of town, Dunn called Velliquette. Velliquette and her husband went over to Parmelee and Velliquette's husband was able to fix the problem.

Update on Skateboard park closure: Mohr reported that the signs are up. Graffiti was again painted on the skateboard area, so Jeff Hooper was contacted. Hooper talked with the mother of a 15-year-old boy who has information on who did the graffiti but would not sign a report. Hooper will talk to the young man. Mohr has been going over to Parmelee between 8-8:30 p.m.; disc golfers are usually leaving at that time. Mohr will have Martinez out to check cameras. Francis suggested the cameras be turned so they show more of the skateboard area.

Indian Creek Park: Dunn reported that workers did a good job cleaning up Indian Creek. She also reported that the floorboard on the first bridge stills needs replacing. She is concerned that someone could trip on the opening. Francis reported that Mike, a man who loves the parks, took pictures showing trash and vegetation on the ball diamonds. Mike also said two trash barrels should be left in the park in the fall for doggie bags. Francis said a woman called, and she was upset with Dunn.. Francis said the woman said her son went down in the ditch. Dunn said he was not in the ditch; he had climbed up on top of the culvert located at the gate for auto entry into the park. So, Dunn asked the mother to get him down from the top of the culvert. Dunn warned her that, if he fell, he could hurt himself. The mother then got her son down from the culvert.

Ansted Park: Francis reported that pricing for fencing is next. Wehner wants to meet with the Park Board at Ansted to finish up the walking trail project. Francis also reported that the Lions Ok'd building a shelter at Ansted . The new shelters have metal roofs and are pricier. Velliquette talked with woman who walks at Ansted and wants a port-a-potty in the park.

Adopt A Park: Dunn reported that she is in the process of writing letters to Bedford high school and junior high principals to get ready for recruitment of students for the Adopt-A-Park Program. She is also writing letters to teachers and community leaders who want to be team leaders in the program and hopes to have a meeting with them soon. Dunn wants Principals Rousselo and Hurley to set up a date and time for a presentation by Dunn to students who want to be team members in the program. Dunn also wants to follow up with Donny Stevens to determine if he still wants to be a Team Leader at Parmelee Park with the Diamond Dogs as team members.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Downtown Temperance Day Issue: Gail Roth volunteered to be Event Coordinator for this year's Downtown Temperance Day to be held September 10. Roth, member of the Women's Auxiliary at the Sherman Osborn American Legion Post 192, would coordinate activities at Carr's Grove Park and its Community Center.

Roth was very upset and commented that when she accepted the position, she took notes from Gail Keane on what was required. Roth then reported that her phone number was not even listed in the articles Keane placed in the Bedford Press and Bedford Now. As a result of conflicts with Keane, Roth has stepped down as coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Jeff Schuster, member of American Legion Post 192 was present to support Gail Roth. He was at a meeting where Gail Keane talked about people taking over. Schuster said Keane then tried to take over everything. He said this was not right. Schuster also mentioned that dollars go under EDC (Economic Development Corporation) to TAC (Temperance Action Committee) with a Bedford Township account. He reported that the Samaria Heritage Committee received nothing out of its Samaria Days last year.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Francis – Information was received from MParks; we are renewing our membership. She reported that she will be done at the end of November. Someone will need to be treasurer. Gin could be authorized to bring bills to the board. Francis indicated that the go-between person is so important. She also said that maintaining files and records is very important. And, handling the fireworks is a big issue.

O'Dell – As always, it's a pleasure!

Mohr – I want to thank everybody for being here tonight. Thank you, Gail!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by Mr. Mohr.

Sally Dunn

Park Board Secretary/Recording Secretary