

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2015

Bedford Township Hall

7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Jake Sorosiak, Community Education, Larry O'Dell, Board Liaison

Excused: Joan Schockman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chairman John Mohr, with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to approve the agenda with the addition of Pickle Ball and Parking Issue under Old Business: White Park. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015 Park board meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Francis reported receiving a letter from St. Luke's Church informing us we did not receive our grant request and notification of receipt of our \$1,700.00 monthly fee for the Carr park cell tower.

Treasurer's Report: Francis reported expenses totaling \$2,786.05. 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: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

Presentations: None

Community Education: Jake reported Community Ed. is busy with soccer and thanked the board for allowing the use of the parks.

Francis Family YMCA: No report.

Comments from the Public: None

OLD BUSINESS

Carr's Grove Park – The roof maintenance report was read and the Comm. Center looks good. Mohr and Velliquette would like the security cameras to be focused better on the play scape. Francis will contact Security Solutions Group to have it done.

Samaria Park – The roof maintenance report was read and it was mentioned that Carol Reinhardt will be planting the mound in front of the center. So far there have been no recurrences of the pilot light outage issue on the water heater.

White Park – Vandalism issue. Mr. Spoerl, from 3-B contacted John and apologized for the vandalism problem, stating it was the fault of the 3-B kids. 3-B is also suggesting an expansion of the parking lot by 20 feet. John will bring more detailed information back to the board at the next meeting. Connie expressed concerns that she has not been able to contact Racquet Sports to find out when the Pickle Ball court would be done. It was suggested she write a letter and sent it out by certified mail, asking for a time line to complete the Pickle Ball project.

Parmelee Park – John has been working on the trash issue in the disc golf area, and is contacting contractors regarding repairs to the skate board park.

Indian Creek Park – No report.

Ansted Park- Velliquette stated farmer Herb Smith would disc up the center section of Ansted Park to prepare for planting native grasses and flowers for \$20.00 per acre. Bob Hamilton from Mannik & Smith Group has informed the board of the need for an application of Lime to the soil to improve the ph level. Velliquette will contact Herb Smith to see if he will add the Lime when he plows up the field and bring back to the board the new cost for this addition.

MRPA – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve membership in the MRPA for the board at a cost of \$425.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman. Francis will contact them to find out details.

NEW BUSINESS

TAC MARKER REQUEST – Velliquette read the wording that TAC would like to place on a “marker” to be installed at Carr Park. Discussion followed, with members questioning what type of marker, where would it be placed and whose names would be listed. Motion was made by Velliquette seconded by Francis to approve the suggested wording for a marker to be placed at Carr Park by TAC, with TAC to come back to the board with more information as to the type of marker, where it would be placed and whose names would be listed. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman. Francis will contact Gail Keane and inform her of the board decision.

FRANCIS FAMILY YMCA RUN – John stated the Y had held this run before, without apparently asking permission. They will not be using the shelter at Indian Creek, just the walking/running path. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Velliquette to approve the request from Francis Family YMCA to hold a 5k run at Indian Creek on May 17th, 2015. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman. John will get in touch with the Y regarding this event.

TRASH BARREL PURCHASE – John informed the board of his checking on pricing for the purchase of trash barrels. He was able to secure 100 barrels at \$10.00 each plus delivery costs from Horwitz/Pintis Co, in Toledo, Ohio. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Francis to approve the purchase of 100 55 gallon steel barrels at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00 from Horwitz/Pintis Co in Toledo, OH. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Velliquette, Dunn, & Mohr. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

FIREWORKS – It is suggested we look into putting out additional port a potties and Kroger trash containers. John will contact Kroger for the trash containers and Garnet will contact Stevens regarding pricing for additional port a potties.

Comments from the Public: Ron Koch, Bedford Public Schools – spoke to the board regarding issues at the schools, accreditation, strategic plan, the 50th anniversary of the High School (9/26/2015), the Robotic team’s 4th place in the Nation win, and the Hunch program (the high school industrial arts students working on a project for NASA).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. by Mr. Mohr.

