

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
March 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Sally Dunn, Lew Smith, & Joan Dunton.

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell, Jon Gutierrez

Excused: Connie Velliquette.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Dunn added MParks membership to 9j. Smith added Bedford Blast to 6b. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dunn to approve the revised agenda of the March 26, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: Fireworks donation letters are going to be mailed tomorrow.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$13,384.19. Remaining fund balance \$66,469.74. This is for a 5-week period, and the deposit for the fireworks was also paid. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Dunn, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations:
  - a. 3B: Carey Rakich, 3B President, and Steve Rechsteiner. Spoke of improvements done to fields, and dugouts. He said they work on financial aid to help children join. He also discussed future projects they'd like to do, including replacing the current batting cages and nets. He asked the park board to help with demolition, if equipment would be available to pull things out of the ground. They have also found a company for spraying weeds. Goodrich and Velliquette will meet with them at a later date to discuss the new contract. Rakich also asked to sign a 3-5 year contract, rather than the current annual contract.
  - b. Bedford Blast: Pete Zapadka. They've purchased some equipment, and tentatively scheduled some games. He also brought their updated schedule. Goodrich will meet with them at a later date to discuss the contract.
  - c. Phil Goldsmith spoke on the contracts and park usage. He raised the issue of the park's cost of lighting the fields and running concessions, and said that those costs would have to be covered by 3B. He also said that players and coaches' residencies would be requested, to verify that it is primarily being used by Bedford taxpayers. He said if Blast is allowed to sell concessions by the board, they would have to be compliant with the health department.
7. Community Education: Spring brochure is coming up next week. Pickleball players want to know if lines can be taped on courts at White park, so they can use more courts. The sport is continually gaining more popularity. They'd also like to know if courts could be added at Carr Park. Smith said the board is hoping that those courts be addressed in the 19-20 fiscal year, and the Indian Creek fields are listed in the 18-19 budget, which hasn't been approved yet. Volleyball and soccer are starting as well.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park:** Because a refund was issued without board approval over the parking lot being plowed, the funds shouldn't have been released from the Park account. Goodridge originally offered to cover the cost of salt the day of the event if the lot was still slippery, and Smith said he spoke with her, and Patrick from maintenance, and he told Smith that he had plowed and cleaned snow that morning.

- b. **Samaria Park**: Dunn met on the 14<sup>th</sup> for the quarterly water testing, and everything was in compliance.
- c. **White Park**: Nothing to report.
- d. **Parmelee Park**: Smith asked when to open the skate park, Dunton suggested Friday, and will check with Clerk's dept to post on the website and cable channel.
- e. **Indian Creek**: The bridges look better. Field needs work, and Gutierrez is working on getting a cleanup / painting crew working there. Goodridge said a pine tree is blocking the porta-potty. A resident complained about people not cleaning up after their dogs. Goodridge asked if an ordinance can be passed regarding owners not cleaning up after their dogs, to cite the owners. When dogs are off leash, the Sheriff's department or animal control can come out to enforce that state law.
- f. **Ansted Park**: The pavilion construction will resume in the next few weeks, after some of the other park projects are addressed. Fourteen people signed up for garden volunteers.
- g. **Wheeler Preserve**: Goldsmith said the deed needs to be approved by Pete Zaums, then Goldsmith will bring it to the park board to approve. Then it will need to be approved by the township board. The property itself will be the property of the township, but will be overseen by the park commission. Goldsmith said the park board would like to see the property and funds transferred to the board, so that the park board can put in the improvements it wants.
- h. **Jackman Road Elementary**: Summer parks program would like a donation of a picnic table for the summer recreation program. Tabled until next meeting.
- i. **Food Trucks for Fireworks**: The board talked about a few trucks, and Clements said that Dan Balasz has a few he'd like to recommend as well.
- j. **MParks membership**: Dunn will stay on as representative. Motion to approve membership cost of \$330 for Dunn to be representative made by Smith, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Dunn said trade fair booth setup went well, but she was disappointed that there wasn't a raffle this year, and she thought the table was too empty. Goodridge thanked everyone who helped with the Trade Fair. He's also got the contract from Stevens, which Smith will turn in tomorrow. He's got the insurance information for the fireworks, and he will submit that to the clerk.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary