

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

June 25, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Connie Velliquette, Rusty Wilke & Joan Dunton.

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell

Excused: Sally Dunn

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: Velliquette added approval of Stoneco invoice to 5, and inserted election of officers to 9a. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunton to approve the revised agenda of the June 25, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunton to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: Asking for any additional names or things that should be included in the fireworks donations thank-you letters so they can be mailed this week.
5. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve StoneCo invoice for \$1,304.81 made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Expenses for period \$30,194.77. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunton. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education: Additions of lines on the stone parking lot has been a big improvement. Jon Gutierrez will be moving out of state, and it's a big loss for community education.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. Nominations of officers: Motion to appoint Rusty Wilke to Treasurer made by Dunton, seconded by Velliquette. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to appoint Nancy Crandell as recording secretary at a rate of \$50 per meeting made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. **Carr's Grove Park**: Goodridge spoke to Pat from maintenance about the X Wave, and it is broken and will be removed. Mulch still hasn't been spread out.
 - c. **Samaria Park**: Nothing to report.
 - d. **White Park**: Pickleball courts were all full. Crandell said Steve keeps contacting her about how much the pickleball group is growing, and how much they appreciate the courts. A boy scout group has also volunteered to build the bench, but it wouldn't be until next year.
 - e. **Parmelee Park**: Next month the tops of the skate park will be redone. He is still waiting to hear back from Kurt.
 - f. **Indian Creek**: The person who was supposed to give a bid for trimming the ditches never did so.
 - g. **Ansted Park**: Velliquette has five volunteers who have been weeding regularly. A controlled burn needs to be done by November to kill out invasive species, and replant native plants. Massingill said the fire department can do half the burn, and a farmer needs to be hired to cut the other half.
 - h. Wheeler Preserve: The DNR has said the conversion does not need to be fully resolved before accepting the transfer of the Wheeler property. The park conversion process could take a couple years to be completed. Goodridge is waiting to talk to Zaums about his side of the paper work, and the parking lot and property upgrade funds.
 - i. Fireworks Wrap up: Everything went as planned. The rain date was perfect weather. Brookwood was allowed to setup a booth to sign up new members. The Bedford Veterans group asked to be allowed to setup and hand out flags, but they didn't show. Goodridge has 1,500-2,000 flags that were donated for the night, on

the condition that they weren't later sold, but he doesn't know who actually donated them. Velliquette said the Shave Ice truck will be sending a check for \$49 for their payment per their contract. Ace Pyro has a stipulation in their contract that they can charge up to 10% for changing the date of the show, but they may not actually pursue that entire additional fee. Wilke said he thought it turned out really well, considering it was on the rain date. He said more portable toilets should be looked into for next year. Someone suggested having a car show early in the day on the day of the fireworks, if they are held on a Saturday. Advertisements for food trucks should be done too. The board discussed giving food truck fees to the band boosters because the band boosters allowed the food trucks to sell food instead of them. Velliquette suggested possibly eliminating the rain date, depending on the costs of cancelling outright.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Velliquette thanked the board for their help with the fireworks. Dunton welcomed Wilke, and thanked Crandell for volunteering to be recording secretary. Wilke said he's excited to be here. Clements said budgets have been approved. He also asked the current status of tot lots, and if the park board is looking to sell any. Velliquette said Miller Park and Mohawk are the parks that would be sold. Clements said there should be a bid posted for realtors to bid for selling the property. He also said neighbors should be notified before the parcels are put up for sale, so they have ample opportunity to purchase as well. Goodridge said he's excited to have the Wheeler Property.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary