

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Samaria Park Pavilion
1530 W. Samaria Road, Temperance
July 13, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Sally Dunn, Carol Laurie, Connie Velliquette, Rusty Wilke.

Also Present: Nancy Crandell, T.C. Clements

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: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board agenda with the additions stated below. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - a. Add Proposed Approval of Perf-a-Lawn Invoice for Services under "Wheeler Preserve"
 - b. Add Proposed Approval of Todd's Tree Service Invoice for Services under "Carr's Grove Park"
 - c. Add two (2) presenter's under Presentations
3. Approval of Minutes for the June 22, 2020 Park Board Meeting with revisions stated below. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes, all ayes. Motion carried.
 - a. The SummerParks Program was "planned" - not "scheduled" - to be held this summer.
 - b. The SummerParks Program is headed up by Tonya Burns - not Tony.
4. Approval of Minutes for the June 29, 2020 Special Park Board Meeting: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes, all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Secretary's Report: None.
6. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period (\$362.72). Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Dunn, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Presentations:
 - a. Matt Angerer (10034 Douglas Road, Temperance): Matt is proposing to provide a stretching station near the walking trail at Indian Creek Park. He has volunteered to provide materials and construction of the station at no cost to the Township. The station will be placed in a mulch area with edging. Velliquette & Dunn will meet with Matt on-site, along with Tom Martin, with BHS, to verify the final location of the stretching station. Motion made by Velliquette to approve the construction of the stretching station at no cost to the Township, seconded by Laurie, all ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Matt Hofbauer (8210 Secor Road, Lambertville): Matt is proposing to host a 5K run at Indian Creek Park on Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is intended to be a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is also hoping to reserve the shelter at no cost for the event. Motion made by Velliquette to approve the 5K event, along with free rental of the shelter for the fundraising event, seconded by Laurie, all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Community Education:
 - a. The SummerParks program has been cancelled for this year.
 - b. The Tee Ball & Soccer programs are still being planned to take place this fall.

- c. Goodridge to contact 3B Baseball regarding their Tee-Ball Program as Community Ed is to have priority in offering a tee ball program for the community.

9. Comments from the Public:

- a. Matt Angerer (10034 Douglas Road, Temperance): Matt asked if the fence along Lewis Avenue at Carr's Grove Park will be extended to enclose the play area. He suggested that this be looked at as a safety measure to keep kids from running into the road.

10. Old / New Business:

a. **Township Building Re-Opening Process:**

- a. The Township has adopted a policy of allowing no more than 10 people in any of the Township Buildings, which includes the Community Buildings at the Parks. A notice has been placed at all Park Buildings stating this policy.

b. **Updated on Playground Equipment Replacement:**

- a. Goodridge and Velliquette met with Pat Thatcher and Paul Pirrone to ensure that equipment replacement is still being planned for the various park play structures this year.
- b. Replacement parts that were included in the current budget are to be ordered and will be replaced yet this Fall. Given the shortage of staff in the Maintenance Department, this will be done as time allows.

c. **Park Cement Statues:**

- a. The Tiger Statue at Parmalee Park is a safety hazard as it sits on a concrete slab. The slab is located in the fall zone so it either needs to be removed or a safety surface needs to be placed over the concrete pavement.
- b. Animal statues at the other parks are located within soft areas so safety is not an issue.

d. **Parmalee Park**

- a. Skate Park Status: Goodridge met with Dennis Kolar to discuss the status of the skate park. Kolar reached out to a contractor who examined the current condition of the skate park and felt that it could be repaired. Motion made by Goodridge to approve material purchase & labor of up to \$3,000 to repair the skatepark, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call Vote, all ayes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Goodridge to contact Tara St.Abin regarding the use of the disc golf course and shelter to host a disc golf clinic and tournament. Motion made by Laurie to approve the clinic and use of the shelter house (rent free IF the organization is a not-for-profit group), seconded by Velliquette, all ayes. Motion carried.

e. **Ansted Park:**

- a. Park continues to be a popular one as the trails are constantly used by the residents.

f. **Samaria Park:**

- a. Dinosaur was painted last week.
- b. Bollards have been installed at the new well, but still need to be painted yellow.
- c. Community Building & awings have been power-washed.
- d. Shelter house still to be painted.

g. **White Park:**

- a. Park clean-up went well. All looks great.
- b. Velliquette suggested that the Park Board write a “Thank You” letter to the Bridgepoint group of volunteers for taking the time to provide clean-up for the different township parks. Wilke to reach out to Matt Hafer with Bridgepoint Church regarding the letter.
- c. Clements noted that the Park Board should use this momentum to look at creating a “Friends of the Park” group that could provide continual park clean-up on a voluntary basis.

h. Indian Creek Park:

- a. Proposed Stretching station was approved. Looking forward to having the new amenity at the Park.

i. Carr’s Grove Park:

- a. Velliquette received an invoice from Todd’s Tree Service in the amount of \$900 for the removal of two trees, including stump grinding. Motion made by Velliquette to approve the invoice, seconded by Laurie. Roll Call vote, all ayes, Motion passed 5-0.

j. Wheeler Preserve:

- a. Velliquette received an invoice form Perf-a-Lawn in the amount of \$2,640 for the control of woody vegetation in select areas for Wheeler Preserver as well as treatment of invasive plants at Ansted Park. Both applications are part of the previously approved treatment program. Motion made by Velliquette to approve the invoice, seconded by Laurie. Roll Call vote, all ayes, Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bluebird houses have been installed at the park as part of an Eagle Scout project.

11. Comments from the Public: None.

12. Commissioner’s Comments:

- a. Clements commented that the Park Budget was cut by just over 20%. He mentioned that the positive direction on the skate park is great news. He also informed the park board that the proposed Law Enforcement Memorial located at the Township hall is moving forward and that there might be an opportunity for the Park Department to contribute to the memorial.
- b. Goodridge noted that the plan to repair the skate park is a positive.
- c. It was decided that the next meeting on Monday, July 27th will be held at Wheeler Preserve
- d. Wilke noted that he will be out of town for the next meeting.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Rusty A. Wilke, Secretary
Bedford Township Park Board