

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
October 14, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Sally Dunn, Carol Laurie, Connie Velliquette, and Rusty Wilke.  
Also Present: Nancy Crandell.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Connie Velliquette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn to approve a revised Parks Board agenda adding two invoices, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board minutes of the September 23, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 30, 2019. Motion by Laurie and seconded by Wilke. All Ayes, Motion carried.

4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve treasurer's report adding invoices from Perf-A-Lawn made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: none
7. Community Education: Crandell noted the hiring of Leslie Thomas as the Youth Leagues Coordinator and she has stepped in and run with the programs. The annual Halloween party is set for October 21 and Crandell invited the trustees to judge costumes again this year. To date, over 140 tickets have been sold.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Approval of 6-month Contract with Mike Sprott to Sell Mowhawk Trail property.** Motion to approve a 6-month contract with Real Estate Solutions (Mike Sprott) by Velliquette and seconded by Laurie. All Ayes. Motion approved.
  - b. **Approval to set Fireworks for June 26, 2020 and rain date of June 27, 2020;** Motion by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to set the dates for June 26, 2020 and rain date of June 27 as set with Pyrotech. Motion carried.
  - c. **Discussion of Firework Site for 2020;** Velliquette and Laurie met/discussed details of Indian Creek site for 2020 Fireworks with Pyrotech and BPS Facilities Director Tom Martin. Plan A: Set behind and east of the soccer stadium for setting fireworks. Crandell noted that stadium seats about 500. Will need to notify homes in woods. Plan B: Laurie contacted Ruhl at Stone Co Park and was told that the park was for viewing only but possibly use quarry to set. Motion to approve Plan A by Velliquette and seconded by Dunn. Note that users of the parks should be notified of the dates/venue: Travel Soccer, Community Ed, 3B Baseball.
  - d. **Wheeler Preserve;** Approval of invoice for \$2,250 to install split rail fencing to be installed on Wednesday. Motion to approve invoice for \$2,250 for Bedford Fence by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. Motion approved. Discussion to install bench, stone and to mark trail for bush hog to clear a 6' path. Laurie will measure trail. Motion to approve up to \$1,500 for clearing path to make the trail by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. Motion approve.

- e. **Discussion on Park Maintenance**: Discussion of comments made on Bedford Unleashed regarding Indian Creek and other parks. Take more proactive approach through articles, community discussions. Velliquette noted that repairs/maintenance on playgrounds per the report are starting.
- f. **Ansted Park**: Smith to dig Tuesday/Wednesday 30 ‘and will coat the rest of the parking area. Goodridge to call Smith.
- g. **Samaria Park**: Filed request on new well and pulling information together before finalizing.
- h. **White Park**: Laurie noted that about 15,676 feet of fencing needs painting. Received estimates of \$25 to \$47.29 per gallon. Discussion of painting in the spring (April) using the JAWS group. Wilke noted that discussion with 3B should cover bleachers, backstop and batting cages that need work as well as billing for the electrical. Velliquette will reach out to 3B to set up meeting.
- i. **Parmalee Park**: Motion to cover invoice for \$7,400 for removal of tree stumps of which \$3,035 already covered. Motion to approve invoice of \$7,400 for Todd Tree and Crane Service for stump removals by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie.
- j. **Indian Creek Park**: Stone still needed along with weeding and grassy meadow cutting. Fielding a lot of complaints regarding the parking lot – potholes need to be filled. Question about status of the bridge widening project by Eagle Scout or JAWS. Also noted an issue with the culvert by the gate will need to involve the Drain Commission.
- k. **Carr’s Grove**: Sidewalks and trees were done as part of the street project. Branches still need trimming.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner’s Comments: Discussion on signage following a distinctive look to identify them as Township Parks. Need to think about park upgrades before budget discussions begin in November.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette seconded by Laurie all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell