

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
October 28, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Jerry Goodridge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Laurie, seconded by Velliquette to approve the October 28, 2019 Parks Board agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette and seconded by Dunn to approve the Parks Board minutes of the October 14, 2019 Park Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve treasurer's report noting expenses of \$7,989.96 made by Wilke, seconded by Laurie. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: Liz Marshall, 1782 Stoneybrook Lane requested consideration of petition acquire the property and tax abatement of the park property bordering her home. Discussion about the time and costs estimated at \$52,000 on upkeep of the property for the past 42 years as well as ongoing safety concerns. Goodridge will discuss the matter with the attorneys on legal options for sale of the property.
7. Community Education: Crandell gave thanks to the Board for their time as judges for the best costumes at the annual Halloween event last week. Over 200 4th and 5th graders attended the event. Crandell also noted that the last soccer game is this Saturday; then moving inside for Basketball and Pickleball. Pickleball runs November through April in the Junior High gym from 2- 5 pm on Sundays. Discussion about moving the bench at White Park inside for the winter. Crandell will check with BPS Facilities about storage. Crandell also noted that the Summer Parks Program would like to use the shelter house at Carr's Grove for their program this summer, mid-June – mid-August.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Discussion of cancellation of November 11, 2019 meeting:** Decision made to hold the meeting as planned.
 - b. **Ansted Park:** Velliquette noted that estimate of \$1200 for fencing from Bedford Fence needs to be updated with changing of the angle of the fence. She also noted CM Smith and Stone did good work on the parking lot. Volunteers will be finalizing the gardens for winter this week.
 - c. **Samaria Park:** Wilke noted that Schindler is finalizing and filing forms with the Monroe County Health Department for approval of the well and to get the permit. Once filed and approved, will provide details and cost estimates to the Board.
 - d. **White Park:** It was noted that the trail looks good; stone all laid on trails. Goodridge will meet with Pat about providing a written scope of work to determine what's been done and what's left to do. Discussion regarding basketball backboard replacement and Pat's ability to get it replaced. Need to get commitment and pricing on backboard and possible upgrade or replacement of the court too. Goodridge will check on more stone to finish the pathways and get report from Pat.

- e. **Parmalee Park**: Discussion on the Skate Park and continued issues with access to the closed Skate Park area. Goodridge will double check with Pat on materials for the Skate Park. Will continue discussion on whether to fix or tear down. Velliquette noted discussion with Commissioner about neighbor complaints on Frisbees and need for additional fencing or netting?
- f. **Indian Creek Park**: Discussion on creek bed clean up; during winter. Still waiting on feedback from Eagle Scout and National Honor Society on the bridge widening and bird houses. Velliquette noted discussion with Stevens about leaving two port-a-potties in place through the November 24 Color Run. The rest of them will be picked up prior to Halloween.
- g. **Carr's Grove**: Wilke met with pest control DelRoy to rid shelter of ants. Also noted gap under the back door that needs to be fixed to keep out rodents. Velliquette will talk to Pat.
- h. **Wheeler Preserve**: Velliquette noted that Steve Oberle cleared paths with brush hog for free. Still needs to be picked up – Velliquette, Laurie and Dunn will walk the trails and clean debris. Discussion about adding mulch to the trails. Fencing looks great but need to get bench and kiosk delivered and set at the site. Velliquette will talk with Lucy about placement. Velliquette also noted that AquaTech is winterizing all of the drinking fountains at all of the parks.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Clements made several suggestions for the Board's consideration: if considering millage, talk with Township Trustees soon and language due in March; Check maintenance budget percentages and Pat's schedule; photos of all equipment at Parks for future use. Velliquette noted need for strong committee of about 5 if talking millage. Goodridge noted that Parks have not received contract from Sprott for sale of park. Dunn will check on it. Velliquette also noted Green Initiative on November 5 and native grasses at Tanglewood. Need to have discussion on selling pocket parks or seeking millage and planning needs to happen now.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Wilke seconded by Velliquette. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell