

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

November 25, 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 7:03 pm. by Jerry Goodridge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the November 25, 2019 Parks Board agenda with revisions. Two items were added to Old/New Business. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Velliquette to approve the Parks Board minutes of the November 11, 2019 Park Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Wilke submitted the treasurer's report noting expenses totaling \$3,356.29. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all Ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: **Lucy Fortin, Mannik & Smith**, presented proposed Option B plans for Carr's Grove. Suggested breaking the improvements into three phases with a total estimate cost of \$1,332,650. Fortin suggested going after DNR matching grants; Land & Water Conservation (federal) for \$260,000 in January and Passport Grant (75/25) for \$390,000 to assist with costs. First grant would need to happen quickly and would need a commitment resolution from the Township Board before March. Fortin recommends applying for both grants but would require commitment of matching funds prior to going forward.

Phase I (\$518,025): rework south area with new parking and pavilion, concrete walkways to border the playground and formalize with benches and possible rain garden. Phase II (\$562,125): Restrooms added to central area with courts and move the lighting system. Phase III (\$252,500): resurface north parking and walkways, add limestone path around perimeter. Discussion to be continued on various ideas regarding use of the park. Suggestion to send thoughts and ideas to Velliquette before December meeting.

Kyle Young, 2052 Briarwood. Introduced himself as the new Vice President for 3B Baseball. Tim Hunter, President wasn't able to attend the meeting. Discussed renovation plans for the concession stand, storage shed, scoreboard, batting cages and field vehicle totaling about \$35-40,000 and donations from Owens Corning and Graphic Signs. Will provide list of improvements to board by January 1, 2020.

Discussed expansion of programs to include 5 travel teams, hosting tournaments and request for a longer agreement and use of more lighting. Velliquette noted help with fencing costs, possible millage committee work and use of White Park during fireworks on June 22 (rain date, June 23)

7. Community Education: None.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Election of Officers:** Motion to approve slate of officers by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie: Jerry Goodridge, Chairperson; Connie Velliquette, Vice Chairperson; Rusty Wilke, Secretary; Sally Dunn, Treasurer along with a friendly amendment that the positions will take affect at the December 10, 2019 Board Meeting. Roll Call - all Ayes – approved.
 - b. **Approval of 2020 Park Board meeting dates:** Motion to approve the 2020 park board meetings dates made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. Dates on attached sheet.
 - c. **Ansted Park:** Velliquette noted need for stone for the trails, continued maintenance of native plants, mulch for 4 gardens and continuation of controlled burns every 3 years. Estimates about \$6,000 to complete.
 - d. **Samaria Park:** Goodridge noted that the permit for the well has been approved but waiting on the

estimate and details of depth, etc. He noted that it will be done as soon as possible but could be the spring. Motion to approve up to \$10,000 for the well by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. Roll Call – all ayes, approved. Dunn talked with Culligan Water and they indicated that it was clogged and has been fixed. Estimates about \$11,000 for landscaping, signage, reseal parking area, power wash the building, and stone to rework the trail.

- e. **White Park**: Laurie noted that the fencing is done in one area but need to build in continuous replacement until completely replaced for an estimated \$6 - \$10,000 each year. She noted 3B's assistance with cost. General improvement for stone on trails estimated at \$2,500. Velliquette noted that the Pongo and Skywheel have been removed.
- f. **Parmalee Park**: Goodridge noted discussion on Skate Park is a priority. Noted that new signage is needed, estimated at \$2,500.
- g. **Indian Creek Park**: Upgrade ball diamonds with stone and drag regularly is noted. Suggestion also to improve the ditch. No estimate provided for either.
- h. **Carr's Grove**: Discussion about Pickleball and possible dog park, Master Plan considerations. General maintenance and upgrades (landscaping, fencing, tennis court removal/replacement, shelter and reseal parking area) could total about \$94,000 aside from Master Plan details.
- i. **Wheeler Preserve**: Velliquette noted that the park is ready for a grand opening. Estimates about \$3,200 for plants and continued maintenance of invasive trees and seedlings. Noted that the stone was paid by the estate and that maintenance will be needed to maintain the trail.
- j. **Invoices**: Motion to approved invoices totaling \$5,000 for Parmalee and \$750 for Seminole be paid to Todd's Crane for emergency removal of dead trees and stumps. Roll Call – all ayes. Approved.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Clements noted that the Brush Run at Indian Creek was a success with 270 racers. Velliquette noted that Carol Laurie did a wonderful article for the quarterly newsletter.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell