

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

March 25, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Connie Velliquette, Sally Dunn, Rusty Wilke and Carole Laurie (via phone)

Also Present: Nancy Crandell

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. by Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board agenda of the March 25, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn to approve the Parks Board minutes of the February 25, 2019 Park Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$4,748.61 also included revenue of \$60,000 (Wheeler Preserve) and 1,955.00 (Telecom Tower). Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: **Ken Weaver** – 3218 Deercreek – expressed concerns over the deterioration of the Indian Creek Park ball diamonds. Shared how the diamonds were completed April 15, 1991 by a group of determined individuals and organizations that came together along with a donation from Heidtman Steel to get it done. Suggested millage or funding to help revitalize them. **Luci Fortin - Mannik & Smith** – presented plans for Wheeler Park and Carr's Grove. **Wheeler Park:** plans are ready and should consider going out for bid for the gravel parking lot for about 18 vehicles. Estimate is \$52,401. Suggested adding on construction of path, benches and fencing for an estimated \$20,788. Total bid would be about \$69,500. Wilke suggested adding the secondary items as an alternate bid to keep it moving forward. Laurie also indicated that she had ideas for the glass sign at the trailhead costs ranged between \$500 – 2,000. Suggestion was made to keep that out of the bid and handle it separately. Fortin will work with Township to prepare and set bid details and dates. Motion to prepare bid based on discussion for parking lot and alternates was made by Velliquette and seconded by Wilke. **Carr's Grove:** Fortin presented two Master Plan concepts for consideration of improvements. Concept A would formalize parking on north creating additional parking, emphasize walkways, move tennis courts, remove basketball court and add a larger shelter area. Concept B would keep the basketball court, change parking and shelters, and add a storm water management pond and new shelter. Suggested adding pickleball striping to the tennis courts. Majority liked Concept B – will work on pricing out upgrades. Fortin will look for grants to help with development.
7. Community Education: Interviewed 3 applicants for Youth Coordinator position; would love input from Board and will set up 2nd interviews. Dunn, Laurie and Velliquette expressed help if available. Gearing up for Soccer to begin in April. Recycling Event on May 4 will displace soccer - questioned why moved from April as in past. Crandell presented plans for bench at White Park to house pickleball equipment at cost of \$400. Wilke approved a motion to accept the bid of \$400 for the bench. Velliquette seconded the motion.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Trade Fair Recap:** Went well. Suggestions for more candy, updated map of parks and events, advertise fireworks and board members. Velliquette brought up consideration of magnets as giveaways. Laurie reported on suggestions taken from the fair: more bike trails, pool, more maps, trash issue at Parmalee, sledding hill at Ansted, park for radio planes/drones, tournaments/concerts to raise funds. Laurie also said received several names for volunteers for the parks. Took 2nd place ribbon for booth.
 - b. **Fireworks:** Wilke signed Fun-Food-Express, talked with DaCapo and Nino's. Will talk with Shaved Ice and

Glow Works. Set up time for trucks by 5 pm. Suggestion made to take donation instead of percentage of sales. Velliquette suggested that donation letters should be done and mailed out. Velliquette will set up safety meeting with police and fire. Goodridge will finalize paperwork for insurance.

- c. **Miller Park:** Michael Sprott received an offer of \$39,900 for park by Ryan Spragg. PERC test will be done at 2 pm on Wednesday.
- d. **Bedford Blast:** Ready to sign contract for Carr's Grove. Have schedule for summer play.
- e. **Wheeler Preserve:** Transfer completed and deed is being recorded.
- f. **Ansted Park:** Velliquette noted that the controlled burn was completed. Received price of \$250 for farmer to cut grass – will put motion on the next agenda. MAEP sign is coming. Dunn suggested a meeting with Glass City Dog Park to talk about details.
- g. **Samaria Park:** Dunn noted that water testing was completed on March 19 and received compliance letter. Signs need to be redone with numbers of board members. Velliquette suggested monies be set aside for garden
- h. **White Park:** The flag light was fixed. Waiting on 2nd bid for fencing. Need to pull out 3B portion of fence for them to pay. Velliquette will set up a meeting with 3B.
- i. **Parmelee Park:** Kurt has not completed Skate Park. Discussion about trash left by Frisbee players.
- j. **Indian Creek:** Discussed condition of diamonds reported earlier in presentations. Need to clean up the park and ditches. Goodridge talked about church groups. He will call Chuck Smith about ditch maintenance at Indian Creek and Ansted. Velliquette and Dunn will meet with Smith to discuss needs.
- k. **Carr's Grove:** Dumpster issues noted. Goodridge discussed use of parking lot by Temperance Street Fest on August 24. Velliquette will call group to check status. Further discussion need on wording in rules and regulations for rental agreements. Velliquette approved a motion to allow use by the Bedford Festival Group to use parking lot on August 24; seconded by Wilke.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: none.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Goodridge, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell