

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

May 13, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Nancy Crandell, TC Clements. Not Present: Sally Dunn

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. by Chair Goodridge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve a revised Parks Board agenda for the May 13, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette and seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board minutes of the April 22, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Laurie and seconded by Goodridge to approve the Special Park Board meeting held on April 25, 2019, all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Secretary's Report: Laurie reported that 12 letters were returned from the recent Fireworks donation mailing. Laurie will hand deliver them.
6. Treasurer's Report: Wilke noted expenses for period totaling \$1,405.65 and includes receivables of \$2,480.00 from donations for the Fireworks and the Telecom Tower at Carr Park totaling expenses of -\$1,074.35 as reported. Wilke to note charges for electric at White Park for 3B. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Laurie, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.
7. Presentations: none.
8. Community Education: Crandell noted issue with ruts from Stevens and Velliquette noted issue with vegetation around fencing. Will talk with Pat and Rodney to fix ruts and clear vegetation. Revised invoice from Bedford Public Schools for dragging, rolling and fertilizing for the 10-week season totaling \$2,962 was submitted. Motion to accept bid by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie was approved.
9. Comments from the Public: none.
10. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Ansted Park:** Paid \$600 to remove fence and gate (50% of total cost). Discussion about having Smith extend parking area 30 feet and put stone and wood gate by shelter area. Noted that picnic benches are not secured properly. Goodridge will talk to Pat. Velliquette noted that volunteers are in place to work the park.
 - b. **Samaria Park:** Goodridge noted that electrician called to fix shelter but had already been done. Will need to compensate for his time.
 - c. **White Park:** Pickleball Mixer will be held on Friday, May 17. Crandell noted that bench for courts was almost finished. Velliquette has approved use of shelter. Noted broken basketball hoop at south end. Velliquette also noted that the tire swing also broken and will order replacement. Laurie concerned with safety matting under swings sticking up. Need to order more mulch. Velliquette has estimate from Midwest Miracle for 140 yards of wood fiber (same as what was used last year). Suggested checking with other vendors and cost for dropping at Carr, White, Parmelee, Indian Creek and Samaria Parks. Also check on stone screening for path at White. Goodridge will discuss with Pat.
 - d. **Parmelee Park:** Kurt was to open the skate park when finished work. Goodridge to check on park.
 - e. **Indian Creek:** Previous discussion (see Community Education #8).
 - f. **Carr Park:** Need mulch. Wilke noted renter on April 28 had to do minor changes to refrigerator and thermostat in shelter and said tables in bad shape. Also noted possible ant issue; will place ant traps.

- g. Wheeler Preserve:** Velliquette noted estimates for cutting and spraying of 10 acres of park from Bay City for \$285 per hour and \$185/hour for travel, Laser Shot for \$9,500 and Nature Conservancy for over \$10,000. All were higher than original quote from Perf-A-Lawn for \$5,500 per cut/spray
- h. Fireworks:** All paperwork is complete and good to go. Final payment of \$10,000 due by June 20, 2019.
- i. Miller Park:** Sold for \$39,900; \$37,000 to go to Park Board.
- j. Rental Agreement:** Laurie submitted a first draft revising language of rental agreement for the Parks. Discussion to add several areas to ensure group, not individual, renting and discounts for Bedford retirees and veterans and waivers to be presented to the Park Board. Laurie will submit another draft for review at the next meeting.

11. Comments from the Public: none.

12. Commissioner's Comments: Velliquette noted the wonderful article about the parks submitted by TC Clements

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell