

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

July 22, 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 7:03 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 the Parks Board agenda for the July 22, 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 July 8, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: none.
5. Treasurer's Report: Wilke noted that the report covers normal monthly expenses totaling \$4,852.94. Wilke made the motion to approve the report, seconded by Velliquette. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Presentations: none.
7. Community Education: Crandell indicated an issue with a fallen tree at Indian Creek. Suggested talking with Tom Martin, Facilities to discuss next steps. Discussion on agreement between Parks Board and Bedford Public Schools. Crandell will get historical information to Goodridge. Velliquette noted that the diamonds still need work but Community Ed play done for the season. Crandell will check on next herbicide and routine maintenance.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Playground Equipment Evaluation:** Velliquette noted that the evaluation is completed and a report will be sent. One of the comments made to Velliquette was the removal of all of the cement animals. The animals were donated by Townsend Carpets. Suggestion was made to talk with Townsend and possible relocation to Indian Creek Zoo. Will hold on further discussion pending review of the report. Dunn suggested a training course by MParks for Playground Maintenance on August 22-23. Suggestion was made to give it to Pat or Paul to attend.
  - b. **Ansted Park:** Dunn presented information on starting a dog park (2 sources); no responses from Glass City inquiries. Crandell will reach out to Dave Spiess, connected to Glass City Dog Park. Laurie will check with Middlegrounds Dog Park and extend an invitation to speak at a future meeting. Discussion on final needs at Ansted to complete renovations; ramp and parking lot extension. Laurie to write letter to Kirk removing him from the renovations. Velliquette talked with JAWS representative, Bill Jewel, who indicated that they will complete the job. He provided a list of materials needed to do the ramp on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will discuss parking lot extension once the ramp is completed.
  - c. **Samaria Park:** Dunn stated that the Park is back to normal and suggested that renters know that they can use the church parking lot. Parking can be an issue with ball games being played at several of the parks.
  - d. **White Park:** Goodridge noted that stone is coming for the path. Velliquette stated that weeding had been completed and that fencing is to be done the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>, depending on weather.
  - e. **Parmalee Park:** Goodridge noted a price of \$2,500 for cutting down the trees by the Civics Club. Velliquette will check with JAWS to get a price.
  - f. **Indian Creek:** Crandell to check on agreement as noted under Community Ed (above) and with Facilities Department on next round of herbicide. Velliquette again noted condition of ball diamonds.
  - g. **Carr's Grove Park:** Plaque is completed but need to determine bench. Discussion on types and costs of

benches and a possible standard for each park was tabled for the next meeting.

- h. Wheeler's Preserve:** Velliquette noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> hydro ax cutting will occur in August for \$4,000 (already approved by the board). Also noted several complaints/concerns from neighbors over what is happening with the Park.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: None by board members. Crandell indicated that friends of Community Education want to seek sponsorships to help the soccer program.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell