

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

July 8, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Nancy Crandell, TC Clements.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 under a friendly amendment by Dunn for the July 8, 2019 Park Board meeting, 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 June 24, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: none.
5. Treasurer's Report: Wilke noted that report includes Community Ed and additional donations for Fireworks. Velliquette noted that the Perf-A-Lawn check for \$545 was already paid and should be removed. Wilke made the motion to approve the report minus the Perf-A-Lawn expense, seconded by Velliquette. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Presentations: Grace Walsh requested the consideration of the Board to place a memorial at Carr's Grove to honor her husband, Anthony (Tony) Walsh for bringing English Football (soccer) to Bedford. Velliquette will meet with her at Carr's Gove to determine best memorial and placement. Motion to accept request for a memorial by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Community Education: Crandell indicated budget and staffing plans are being reworked. Softball ends this week; T-ball next week. Fall brochure coming along and will be mailed in early August. Goodridge requested that another copy of the request for funding be sent to Dave Manning.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Playground Equipment Evaluation Quote:** Velliquette submitted a quote for \$2,440 from Saf' Play Services for inspection of the playground structures at Carr, White, Samaria, Parmalee, Colonial Gardens and Centennial Village. Discussion to do all or some of the parks now and some later. Motion by Velliquette to accept quote in its entirety, seconded by Dunn. All ayes, Approved. Dunn noted that emails to Glass City Dog Park have gone without replies so she contacted the Chairman of the Park, Steve Serchuk. Shared the email she sent on July 8, 2019; will share his response once received.
 - b. **Ansted Park:** Velliquette noted that Perf-A-Lawn is done for the season. Velliquette purchased pollinator plants at a cost of \$58.30. She has planted them at Ansted. Motion to reimburse Velliquette for the full purchase price of \$58.30 by Dunn, seconded by Laurie. All ayes, Approved.
 - c. **Samaria Park:** Dunn shared that the water testing has been completed and received all clear from Health Department. Will need to test every two months. Dunn noted that bottled water, water tanks and hand sanitizer has been stored away and all postings about the water have been removed from the shelter
 - d. **White Park:** Velliquette inquired about stone needed at west end of the parking lot. Was it ever delivered and spread? Needs more. Also needs weeding at the gate and trail. Goodridge to follow up with maintenance. Wilke inquired about vandalized basketball backboard. Has it been replaced? Velliquette will get quote from Miracle and/or Toledo PE and inquire about tougher material.
 - e. **Parmalee Park:** Dunn noted the sign needs to be redone (and White and Samaria Parks need to be repainted). Dunn to check with planning committee on easement for the Parmalee sign and quotes from Graphics Sign for replacement/repainting. Goodridge noted concern with Skate Park being finished; inquiries to Kirk have gone without reply. Noted same issue with ramp at Ansted. Wilke suggested finding an

alternative resource to get work done. Clements will reach out to Kirk to get information.

- f. **Indian Creek:** Velliquette noted concerns over 2020 fireworks due to Bedford Public Schools parking lot renovations next spring/summer. Possible move to White, Indian Creek or even StoneCo. Checking with Fireworks company to look at venues.
- g. **Carr's Grove Park:** Memorial discussion under presentations. Clements suggested drafting a memorial request policy to standardize procedures.
- h. **Wheeler's Preserve:** Noted that it's a mess with construction underway. Suggestion to monitor their exit to ensure all is put back together. Velliquette noted that Phase II for cutting and mulch should begin in August.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Clements noted that a priorities list with suggested and needed by given to Saf Play Services for their report back to the board. And suggested contacting JAWS as an alternative work resource. JAWS is Jail Alternative Work Services run by Bill Jewell is a free probation-type community service resource. Wilke noted the great fireworks program and low attendance. Velliquette noted community member tore up trails at Ansted Park with a remote vehicle of some kind. Also noted that Mannik and Smith (Fortner) is following up on mitigation on points lost from cell tower to help with future grants. Goodridge noted that he will follow up with Smith for stone and Kirk to finish the Skate Park.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Laurie, seconded by Velliquette all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell