

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
September 23, 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 adding a 6. Presentation, Parmalee invoice to 9f, and a friendly amendment to remove 'discussion' from 9b. for the September 23, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board minutes with a revision by Wilke to change 9g to read Indian Creek of the September 9, 2019 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve treasurer's report noting typical expenses of \$8,553.56 made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Presentations: Hong Parschall presented plans to hold a 5K Color Run Fundraiser for Jenn Brush on November 24 at Indian Creek. The run will take place at 9 am with set up prior starting about 7 am and run through 12 pm. She noted after-run activities including light food and a silent auction. They will furnish tent, tables and chairs. Requesting use of extra porta-potties be considered as a donation by the Parks Board and Stevenson. Crandell will check with the schools to inquire leaving the soccer stadium porta-potties and Goodridge will contact Stevenson. Motion made by Velliquette to provide porta-potties for the event, seconded by Dunn. All ayes – approved.
7. Community Education: Crandell noted that 15 soccer teams starting this week at Indian Creek with new field managers – Bob and Jessica Smotherman overseeing the grounds and games. Also noted that the Varsity soccer coach is working with Community Education to add more depth to the program. Noted too that looking at revamping girl's basketball league to a more skills-based training session.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **2020 Fireworks Discussion:** Velliquette reached out to Jason Shepard regarding property in fall line behind Indian Creek. She will talk with Drew at Ace Fireworks about date of either June 19 or 26. Consensus of board is to try for June 26. Clements noted need of additional marketing to get the word out on the change of location; also need to begin looking at additional logistics at the start of the year (insurance, parking, etc.)
 - b. **Equipment Replacement Purchase Order:** Will need to approve invoice from Miracle for cost of review package. Total replacement costs total \$32,000. Velliquette shared report with Township Maintenance (Pat) who listed \$5700 of items they can fix. Goodridge and Velliquette to meet with Pat on Tuesday, September 24 to determine what can be done by Township. Motion to approve equipment replacement/fixes of items listed as #1,2 and 3 priorities not to exceed a cost of \$32,000 by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn. Noted that the cost would be covered by the sale of the property earlier this year. Discussion to move the 2nd property contract to Mike Sprott to sell. Dunn will bring a contract to the next meeting for approval. She will reach out to Decker as a courtesy.
 - c. **Ansted Park:** Goodridge to meet with Chuck Smith to get estimate for stone to widen the parking area by 30 feet. Velliquette noted volunteers laid out mulch and gardens are ready for winter

- d. **Samaria Park**: Noted meeting with Monroe County Health Department on September 30 at 4 pm at Township Hall to discuss the water situation and the well.
- e. **White Park**: Fencing is completed. Discussion on painting areas of the fence. Wilke and Laurie will check with fencing company on costs to paint.
- f. **Parmelee Park**: Goodridge discussed original cost estimates submitted for \$13,500 by Kirk; \$9000 for materials, \$4,500 for labor. Paid out \$1,863 in labor and received \$3,511 back in materials. Have a balance of about \$6,500 to complete the job. JAWS program will supply the labor to finish the project but will need a coordinator/contractor to determine logistics. Discussion of possibilities, please pass on any thoughts to Velliquette. Will also discuss with Pat to get his opinion. Goodridge will mark bad areas that need to be replaced. Motion to approve payment of \$1,600 to be paid to Kirk, Modern Repair for his labor charges to date by Laurie, seconded by Velliquette. All ayes – approved.
- g. **Indian Creek**: Need to get screening for ball diamonds; Pat will spread once delivered.
- h. **Carr's Grove**: Sidewalk looks great, especially with the fencing gone. Received complaint from Karen Kuhl regarding condition of the tennis court. Discussion on removing the court; would cost \$80,000 to replace. Complaint also about bees in dumpster and entering shelter. Stevenson to check on Tuesday; Wilke will follow up with them.
- i. **Wheeler Preserve**: Received bids on timber rails ranging from \$7,900 to \$16,800. Discussion about changing to split rail fencing. Velliquette will get bids on split rail fencing for the next meeting.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Clements noted work done by Kirk, offered suggestion of firefighters to help with slide replacements at the parks, and inquired about revenue from the tower at Carr's Grove. Velliquette replied affirmatively to Clements comments regarding Kirk. Goodridge says all has been proactively resolved with Kirk.

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

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell