

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
September 9, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Present: Sally Dunn, Carol Laurie, Connie Velliquette, and Rusty Wilke.
Also present: Nancy Crandell. Absent: Jerry Goodridge and T.C. Clements

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Velliquette, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve September 9, 2019 Park Board agenda made by Laurie, seconded by Dunn, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board minutes of the August 12, 2019 Park Board meeting with the following changes: Add name and time to 9E, Samaria Park – *Kirra Werstein*, Monroe County Health Department and a meeting at *4pm at Township Hall* was set for September 30 to discuss the water issues. All ayes.
4. Secretary's Report: Laurie noted that the Board received an invitation to attend the MParks 2019 Induction Ceremony on October 3, 2019. The invitation was given to Dunn, as member of MParks.
5. Treasurer's Report: Three invoices were added to the normal monthly report; Bedford Fence for \$4,700 for the fencing repair at White Park. 3B Baseball will be invoiced for 50% of the repair. Two invoices from for mulch delivered to Ansted of \$95 and \$245. Total expenses for the month were \$8,069.08 Motion to approve treasurer's report by Wilke, seconded by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Presentations: none.
7. Community Education: Hired Leslie Thomas, one of the applicants interviewed in the spring. She will handle the organization aspects of the Youth Leagues position. Bob and Jessica Smotherman will handle the onsite field management of the soccer league to start next week. Crandell will present the Community Education budget next month.
8. Comments from the Public: none.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **2020 Fireworks Site Plan Discussion:** Velliquette noted that the 2020 fireworks will be moved to Indian Creek. She noted the possible layout. Velliquette will touch base with the owner of the property behind the park that lies in the fall zone (see attached sheet) and fireworks personnel to set the date – either June 19 or 26 – and discuss logistics. May need to adjust size of fireworks display. Laurie will touch base with Whiteford Township as backup plan.
 - b. **Playground Equipment Replacement Update:** Velliquette provided packet from Miracle Midwest with prices and priorities for each park. Discussion to make decisions on next steps at the next meeting. Discussion on using sale of property and need to move on the sale on the remaining property. Dunn will talk with John Decker on current status of contract. Discussion to change contracts next month. Velliquette noted that 6 handicap latches for the swings; 3 needed at Samaria, White and Carr's Grove, the tire swing at Carr's Grove were ordered. The Sky Wheel at White park need to be removed.
 - c. **Ansted Park.** Velliquette indicated that several volunteers have been working on the two front gardens, 7 yards of mulch was delivered but will need more for the back area. Dunn noted that she contacted Dave Spiess regarding his involvement with the development of the Dog Parks in Toledo. Dunn shared resource information on Dog Parks.
 - d. **Samaria Park:** Received notice from citizen regarding condition of sign. Velliquette suggested that the Board get pricing to repaint or replace. Dunn will follow up and get costs. Discussion on other park signs. Wilke will research previous expenses for the signs and talk with Gary about replacements.
 - e. **White Park:** Fencing is done. Goodridge will call about stone needed for paths.

- f. **Parmalee:** The Skate Park is still locked up. Velliquette noted that met with JAWS to discuss finishing project. Suggestion was made to complete the repairs in sections. JAWS can supply labor but Board need to have the site ready for them with materials. Velliquette will get with Goodridge to see what he has done and then give the packet to Paul Pirrone to talk with Township maintenance.
- g. **White Park:** Waiting to hear back on the Eagle Scout Project. Crandell stated that the District will need to approve plans before going forward.
- h. **Carr's Grove Park:** The sidewalk is completed along the road. Received complaint on debris in the play area. Police were called to check it out but cameras weren't set right to relay information. Discussion on security cameras and WIFI.
- i. **Wheeler Preserve:** Velliquette noted that the parking lot is completed and looks good. Need to bid on fencing but first check with Mannik & Smith on plans with the bench, and getting the sign and kiosk ordered and placed. Discussion on holding a grand opening and dedication.

10. Comments from the Public: none.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Wilke noted social media attention directed at Vienna Park and why listed on Township website? No other comments from board members.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dunn, seconded by Laurie, All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell