

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
February 24, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Sally Dunn, Rusty Wilke, Carol Laurie, Connie Velliquette (present via teleconference).

Excused: Jerry Goodridge. Also Present: T.C. Clements, Nancy Crandell

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. By Laurie, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn to approve the Parks Board agenda of the Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board minutes of the Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period (\$1,709.47). Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Dunn, seconded by Wilke. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education:
 - a. Nancy Crandell reported that the Smotherman family will once again provide maintenance for the Community Ed. Soccer fields. They have done this in the past and do a great job.
 - b. Nancy was approached by Tara St.Aubin about forming a disc golf league at Parmelee Park. The league is intended for kids in grades K thru 9. Tara will manage the league but has asked Community Ed to facilitate sign-ups and organize the league. Nancy has agreed to this.
 - c. Travel Baseball Schedules for all Township Parks need to be provided to Community Ed so they are aware of any free diamonds for non-travel teams. Will Coordinate with Jerry to get these.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Fireworks:**
 - a. Connie has requested an invoice from Drew Espenshade at Ace-Pyro, LLC for half of the cost as a deposit. (\$5,000). The invoice is to arrive this week and needs to be paid by the end of the month. Sally to keep an eye on the mail this week.
 - b. The Monroe County Sheriff's office has been alerted of the change in location for the fireworks. Connie talked with Rob Moody.
 - c. Carol made note that she will not be soliciting donations for fireworks sponsorship since this is not the typical venue and that there will be no way to recognize the sponsors. The rest of the board was in agreement.

b. Trade Fair:

- a. Carol noted that she will only be available on Sunday, March 22 to attend the BBA trade fair.
 - b. Jerry will be in town and available to attend as needed.
 - c. Connie noted that we need to provide the volunteer sign-up sheet during the trade fair, and remember to include phone number. Sally will be providing the sign-up sheet as in years past.
- c. **Ansted Park:**
- a. Targeting a controlled burn by the fire department in March, once it's dry enough.
- d. **Samaria Park:**
- a. The new well is in, but needs to be monitored by the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD). They have provided a price of \$1,398.00 to provide monthly testing for the required timeframe of one year. A motion was made by Laurie to have the MCHD provide the necessary testing as stated, seconded by Dunn. (roll call vote, all ayes) Motion carries 3-0.
- e. **White Park:**
- a. Pickle Ball Bench has been removed from the court, but has not been placed in the storage shed. Goodridge to coordinate with 3-B baseball to place the bench in the shed.
- f. **Parmelee Park:**
- a. Connie talked with Don Wilson, with Scale-Tech. He is interested in managing the repairs & upgrades to the skate park. He is also willing to work with the JAWS group from Monroe who would provide the labor. Don would like to assess what materials are available. Connie will be contacting Bill Jewell with JAWS to coordinate schedules, hoping to get the work done in the spring.
- g. **Indian Creek Park:**
- a. Nothing to Report
- h. **Carr's Grove Park:**
- a. Nothing to Report
- i. **Wheeler Preserve:**
- a. A mock-up of the proposed sign was provided (see attached). Wilke suggested that an "A" be added so that the sign reads "A Bedford Township Park". The comment was well received. A motion was made by Dunn to approve the mock-up with the addition of the "A", seconded by Laurie. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Nancy noted that she would like to incorporate nature walks at the park as part of the Community Ed. Summer Parks Group. This is a group of kids ranging from K thru 6th grade. Carol Laurie has agreed to lead the nature walks providing educational information along the way.
10. Comments from the Public: None.
11. Commissioner's Comments:
- a. Connie thanked Wilke & Laurie for providing articles to the Newsletter regarding current Park news.
 - b. Connie noted that the Bedford Green Initiative Group, headed by Joyce Blanton, will be making a presentation to the Board regarding a proposed nature area in the Tanglewood Subdivision.
 - c. Clements recommended that the Board think about forming a "Past Member Panel" that could serve

in an advisory roll should the Park Board need advice or guidance in the future.

- d. The board discussed some potential candidates who might be interested in running for the park board. The deadline to file to get on the Park Board Ballot is April 21st at 4 p.m.

- 12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Wilke, seconded by Dunn, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Laurie.

Respectfully submitted

Rusty A. Wilke, Secretary
Bedford Township Park Board

Welcome to

WHEELER PRESERVE

Bedford Township Park

