

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Ansted Park
Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI
May 19, 2020

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

Also Present: Nancy Crandell. Absent: T.C. Clements.

Excused:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve the Parks Board agenda of the Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Laurie, seconded by Dunn 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 \$8,713.21. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education: None.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Discussion of Skate Park Renovation:** Goodridge & Laurie to meet with Don Wilson of Scale-Tech on site to evaluate condition of existing skate park. Based on this meeting, the Park Board will determine whether to repair it or remove it with the plan to construct a new skate park in the near future.
 - b. **Fireworks Update:** Fireworks have been officially cancelled for year. As to not pay a penalty it was decided to rollover the deposit toward next years fireworks. Wilke to provide an official announcement to be placed in the Bedford Press & Bedford Now.
 - c. **Virtual Opening of Wheeler Preserve:** The Board would like to schedule an official ribbon cutting for the new park. The thought is to have a virtual ribbon cutting so that it can be done in a timely manner given the situation of social distancing, etc... Goodridge to contact Mr. Zaums to inform him of this idea. It was also decided that the next Park Board Meeting will be held at Wheeler Preserve on June 8, 2020. The Ribbon Cutting will take place either prior to or after this meeting.
 - d. **2020-2021 Budget Update:** With the directive to reduce the Park Budget for 2021-2022, Velliquette suggested that the \$12,000 earmarked for "Dog Park Planning & Design" be removed. It should be considered in future budgets as there is community interest for this project. A motion was made by Velliquette to remove the \$12,000 for "Dog Park Planning & Design" from the 2021-2022 Park Board Budget in an effort to reduce the Park Board Budget as directed by the Township Board, seconded by Laurie (roll call vote: Goodridge-yes, Wilke-yes, Dunn-yes, Velliquette-yes, Laurie-yes). Motion carries 5-0.

- e. **Ansted Park:** Due to the wet season, no controlled burn was performed. Since it is nesting season this cannot be done at this time. Velliquette to reach out to someone who would be able to mow the grass after nesting season. This could be done in August.
- f. **Samaria Park:** Bollards need to be installed around the new well as to protect it from being hit. Goodridge to look into getting this done in a timely manner.
- g. **White Park:** The Board discussed the timeframe to open all parks in Bedford Township. Laurie noted that the township should follow the Governor's Plan (MI Safe Start). Laurie proposed that we follow the phasing plan. The Parks are to remain closed at this time with the Board re-evaluating the situation at the next Board Meeting on June 8th.
- h. **Parmelee Park:** None.
- i. **Indian Creek Park:** None.
- j. **Carr's Grove Park:** None.
- k. **Wheeler Preserve:** A virtual Ribbon cutting is scheduled to take place at the next Board Meeting on June 8, 2020.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: None.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Rusty A. Wilke, Secretary
Bedford Township Park Board