

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Carr's Grove Park
9234 Lewis Avenue, Temperance
August 10, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Nancy Crandell, T.C. Clements

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 Park Board Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes for the July 27, 2020 Park Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period. A Motion was made by Laurie to approve the attached treasurer's report with all items marked as a "Y" to be paid. Laurie also proposed allowing any bill on the current report over \$500 to be paid without seeking further approval from the board, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations:
 - a. Jeremy Wingate, 4249 Clegg Road, Lambertville. Jeremy is affiliated with the local Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts and is hoping to use Park Shelter Houses to host Pack meetings due to COVID restrictions for indoor meetings. He is proposing that the Boy Scouts be allowed to hold their meetings at Parmelee Park every Sunday evening thru October at 6 pm. He is also proposing that the Cub Scouts be allowed to hold their meetings at the Carr Park Shelter the third Thursday of each month thru October at 6 pm. A motion was made by Laurie to allow the use of both parks as stated above at no cost as long as they are not being rented by others. In exchange the groups will Park Clean-ups as needed. Motion seconded by Velliquette. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Jeremy also noted that there are several Eagle Scouts that will be looking for projects in the near future. He would like the Park Board to keep the scouts in mind for any improvement projects that might be needed. Jeremy's phone and email are as follows (419) 490-1291, Jeremy.wingate@live.com.
7. Community Education:
 - a. Nancy Crandell wanted to thank the Park Board for allowing the Driver's Education classes to use the Park Shelters for classes due to the COVID restrictions for indoor learning.
 - b. Community Education had scheduled an event for September 3rd at one of the Park Shelters, but that event has since been cancelled.
 - c. Community Ed. Is looking into providing virtual classes given the restrictions for indoor learning at this time.
 - d. Nancy Crandell submitted a letter from Community Ed to the Park Board to officially revise their donation request for \$30k to \$25k due to budget restrictions. A motion was made by Velliquette to accept and approve the revised letter, seconded by Laurie. All ayes, Motion carried.

8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park:**
 - a. Velliquette noted that she received a call from the Para-professionals group with a request to hold a meeting at the Carr Park Shelter on Thursday, September 3rd from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. A motion was made by Velliquette to approve the use of the Shelter at no charge, seconded by Wilke. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. **Samaria Park:**
 - a. Water from the new well continues to be tested every month.
 - c. **White Park:**
 - a. Goodridge noted that the basketball court is in need of repair. He will contact someone to get a price for the repair work.
 - d. **Parmelee Park:**
 - a. The Skate Park repairs have been completed and it is up and running. Velliquette noted that Dennis Kolar played a huge role in getting this done along with the JAWS crew out of Monroe, who did great work. Wilke will send "Thank You" notes on behalf of the Park Board.
 - b. Goodridge to check on brush clean-up within the fence of the Water Tower at the park.
 - c. Laurie noted that new signs for the skate park have been delivered to the Township and are ready to be installed.
 - e. **Indian Creek Park:**
 - a. Dunn noted that the parking lot material is full of chunks and is concerned about the drivability of the parking area. Velliquette has reached out to Bedford Public Schools to voice the Park Board's concern about the material.
 - b. There are three (3) existing exercise benches at the park that were made by a Boy Scout troop in the past. Plaques noting such are missing on two of the Benches. Laurie recommends that the plaques be replaced.
 - c. The new warm-up station is under construction.
 - d. Stone is piled up at the park, but needs to be spread on the ball diamonds.
 - f. **Ansted Park:**
 - a. Velliquette noted that there was a volunteer day last Thursday to clean up the park and address the planting beds.
 - g. **Wheeler Preserve:**
 - a. The new footer for the memorial rock is to be installed by the Township.
 - b. Laurie noted that H.E.L.P. printers will be printing the article about the Park so that it can be placed in the Kiosk. She will also be getting the plan of the park printed to be put in the Kiosk as well.

- a. Comments from the Public: None.

10. Commissioner's Comments:

- a. Clements recommended that the Park Board double check on a monthly basis, the time spent from the Maintenance Department with regard to park clean-up, maintenance, etc... Due to COVID, and budget restrictions it would be good to make sure that things are being done as efficient as possible.
- b. Clements recommended that the Park Board reach out to Scott Earl who is in charge of the National Honor Society program at the High School. Due to classroom restrictions the NHS may be looking for outdoor projects to fulfill their requirements and the Parks could certainly take advantage of their services.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Laurie, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Rusty A. Wilke, Secretary
Bedford Township Park Board

