

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall  
8100 Jackman Road  
August 13, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell

Excused: Joan Dunton

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: Velliquette asked that the agenda be amended to include a presentation by Lucie Fortin, Mannik & Smith Group. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the amended agenda of the August 13, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the Park Board Commission minutes of the July 23, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: NONE
5. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer Report were not available at the meeting; will be emailed to members by Wilke on Tuesday. Wilke stated that the expenses were about \$4,000 with about \$2,000 in revenues from the Telecom Tower for the cell tower at Carr Park. The remaining fund balance is \$35,423.92. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: Lucie Fortin stated that Goodridge and Velliquette met on Friday at the Wheeler Preserve. Asked board to consider a proposal to design and construct gravel parking and access points. Need a 2<sup>nd</sup> master plan (may include next steps for Carr's Grove) to include a construction engineering design to get permits and access points from the Township. Also need a site development plan to include trails, signage, and overall management of the total property. Consider the following steps to complete the plan: 1. Site inventory analysis; 2. Public meetings to present concepts (gather input, ideas); 3. Final master plan with costs, timeline, etc. (graphic narrative). This will help in securing grants for funding
7. Community Education: Crandell talked about an indoor pickleball proposal to share costs of rental of space for indoor play at Junior High School from November – April. A formal proposal will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussed being a member of Safe Kids, a ProMedica organization, that will bring concussion training for Community Ed coaches. They supplied 70 bike helmets and talk with Safety Town earlier this summer. Great organization that will provide a lot of activities and programs. Crandell is a member and will bring more information forward as it develops. One program is the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) but need to contact the Michigan organization to bring that back to Bedford. Velliquette stated her involvement with a previous group of SRTS. Crandell talked about upcoming interviews for the Community Ed Youth Leagues Director. There are 4-5 viable candidates. Interviews are slated for Thursday, 8:30 – 12:00 at Community Ed offices. All are welcome to attend.
8. Comments from the Public: NONE
9. Old / New Business:
  - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Velliquette received email from Sorenson regarding a planter and tree in memory of Connie Fornwald. Discussion on setting standards for benches, etc but generally okay with the concept. Velliquette will meet with family to discuss possibilities and set it up for next spring.
  - b. **Samaria Park**: Dunn emailed Kira regarding bacteria/nitrate samplings on August 21. Discussion about rental vs. reserving shelter due to issues with the Luke's rental. \$25 to reserve if not reserved, then anyone can use.
  - c. **White Park**: Clement reported that the X-Wave has not been removed. Goodridge will talk to Pirrone about maintenance removing it.

- d. **Parmelee Park**: Goodridge stated that the materials have been ordered to finish the skate park once Ansted is done.
- e. **Indian Creek**: Dunn indicated that vegetation has been cleared
- f. **Ansted Park**: Goodridge stated that the trusses are up for the shelter and ready for completion. The grounds are well tended. Need estimates for a 10-15 foot parking extension to the east.
- g. Wheeler Preserve: Goodridge talked with Goldsmith to get restrictions in the deed. Need to know latitude of what can be done by next week.
- h. Request for Approval of Phragmites Removal: Velliquette received quote from PerfALawn for \$350 per application (2 sites) and \$195 per application for the Purple Loose Strife for a total of \$1,090 by bundling with the DBA, Library and YMCA. Costs from Nature Conservancy much higher. Motion to accept the bid from PerfALawn made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn.
- i. Request to Purchase – Miracle Midwest: Cost of \$1,161 for four (4) multi-hondo pads. Need two to replace, two extra to keep on hand. Motion to accept bid made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn.

10. Comments from the Public: NONE

11. Commissioner's Comments: Clements asked to be excused from August 28 meeting due to commitment with BBA Grub Crawl event. Goodridge met with Sharon Throm to plan events for YAK (Youth Advisory Council) to assist parks in the coming year.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell