

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
August 27, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Nancy Crandell

Excused: TC Clements, 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: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn to approve the August 27 agenda of the August 27, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Wilke to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period about \$4,900. Quarterly contribution to Bedford Township of \$33,473.25. Final remaining balance was (\$20,850.00). Year-end budget detail was attached. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: Ron Koch, Bedford Public School board, discussed the upcoming bond issue inviting board members to the "Yes to Success" bond meetings on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at the Bedford Township Library. Also stated that they are gearing up starting with teachers this week and students next week. All are excited to start the new school year.
7. Community Education: Talked about new youth leagues director. Crandell has invited potential candidate Devon Woolford in to the office to discuss more about the job and offer him the job. He will come to a future meeting to meet the board. Fall sports are about to begin. Coaches are needed for soccer. Community Ed offers a 20% discount on upcoming activities to coaches as a thank you for their assistance. Crandell offered that Community Ed is seeking scholarships to help families - that need assistance – sign up for sports programs.
8. Comments from the Public: None.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: DNR is coming tomorrow at 10:30 am. Will discuss park conversion (cell tower vs. Wheeler Preserve). Goodridge, Velliquette and Lucy, Plante Moran rep, to walk both parks with DNR. Goodridge inquired about Downtown Temperance Day. Temperance Action Committee (TAC) has rented the shelter. There is a second group from Baron's Insurance inquiring about use. Want to make sure that they are working in tandem and isn't a conflict. The groups were invited to attend the meeting but neither group attended. Revisited DDA flag issue
 - b. **Samaria Park**: Dunn reported that water sampling was completed by Kara Wierstein, Health Department and are in compliance. Also reported a conflict over use of the shelter on Sunday but the two parties involved worked it out.
 - c. **White Park**: Velliquette reported that a citizen asked about putting stone or better drainage in wet low area. Also needs Round-Up in parking area on the west side along Douglas. Will check with Township about it and placing signs. May want to consider stone along that area as well but care given to type and amount to keep path usable.
 - d. **Parmelee Park**: Goodridge stated that the skate park will be completed once shelter at Ansted is finished. Slow due to amount of work being done.
 - e. **Indian Creek**: Velliquette reported that it looks great. School sprayed and cleaned the area by the stream.
 - f. **Ansted Park**: Phragmites spray to start tomorrow at 6 am. Velliquette will post signs. Perm-A-Lawn stated that it would take an hour wind could be a factor. Need to look at parking area redesign. Goodridge and

Velliquette will discuss it onsite. The shelter is ready for the slab then the roof can be done.

- g. **Wheeler Preserve:** Need to revisit deed to check on the do's and don'ts (i.e. no pets allowed). Next steps is to engineer the parking area. DNR wants an opening date – need to schedule an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Goodridge will work with lawyers. Warranty deed attached.

Added discussion about the zoning issue involving Parmalee Park, determined not an issue for Parks Board. Goodridge will contact Kohler to make determination. Also discussed the pocket parks – to be placed on the next agenda.

10. Comments from the Public: None

11. Commissioner's Comments: Goodridge inquired about Pickleball proposal from Community Ed. It will be placed on the next agenda.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Crandell