

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

November 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. by Chair Goodridge, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board agenda of the November 26, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke to approve the Parks Board minutes with a revision - on page 2, changing the City of Temperance to the Village of Temperance - of the November 12, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None.
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$2,419.16. Remaining fund balance \$77,478.41. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education: Tendered the resignation of Devon Woolford, Youth Leagues Coordinator. Crandell said a job posting to fill the vacancy would go out next week; will keep board informed. Wilke inquired about placement of posting; Bedford Schools website, local universities/community colleges, social media, newspaper. Winter brochure on track to go out in early January.
8. Comments from the Public:
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Set Fireworks Dates:** Final dates were confirmed with ACE Pyro, LLC for the fireworks display to be held on June 21 with a rain date of June 22. Motion to approve dates by Velliquette, and seconded by Wilke. Motion carried. Crandell will begin paperwork for reserving the Junior High and High School property for the fireworks.
 - b. **Discuss Properties for Bid:** No bids for the Mohawk Trails#2 – Lot 58 and a bid of \$20,000 was received for the Miller Park site by Christopher Porkarski. A Motion to not accept the bid by Porkarski was made by Velliquette, and seconded by Wilke. Discussion held to regroup/resale both properties. Motion to contact 2-3 realtors to get a fair market value on both properties by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke. Motion carried. Dunn will contact Sprott, Decker and Bankowski before the next meeting.
 - c. **Set 2019 Calendar:** The following dates have been set for 2019: January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, October 14, October 28, November 11, November 25, and December 9. Motion to approve the above dates by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke. Motion carried. Motion to cancel both meeting dates in December: December 10 and December 24 with a new meeting date of December 17 made by Velliquette, seconded by Wilke. Motion carried.
 - d. **Consideration of Two Swing Purchases:** Tabled until next month.
 - e. **Resignation of Joan Dunton:** Goodridge read resignation letter from Dunton. Motion to approve resignation of Joan Dunton made by Velliquette, and seconded by Wilke. Motion carried. Recommended that the Board follow through on its second hire from earlier this spring and accept Carol Laurie to fill the vacant seat. Motion to hire Carol Laurie made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried. Goodridge will send a letter to the Township Board for their approval. TC will confirm the process handled in the spring

- f. **Ansted Park**: Ramp under water so construction halted. Velliquette suggested hiring neighbor farmer to cut grass in December for \$200. Velliquette will contact Massengill to schedule the burn section 1 (front) as part of the managed burn program discussed last month. Motion by Velliquette to allow River Raisin Conservation Corps to use Samaria Community Center for upcoming MAEAP conservation workshop for two hours on January 26 highlighting work done at Ansted Park, seconded by Goodridge. Velliquette shared Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) invitation for a convention in Lansing on March 21 and will send a copy to all board members.
- g. **Samaria Park**: Flagpole ordered. Velliquette paid 50% on credit to secure order. Dunn reported that the water sample is in compliance.
- h. **White Park**: no report.
- i. **Parmelee Park**: The skate park is closed for the season; tearing out the old materials for replacing wood in the structure to complete Phase III of the project. Final cost is \$25,000 for 10-12 year life.
- j. **Indian Creek**: Dunn recommended creekbed cleaning and professional tree trimming be added to 2019 budget to beautify and clean out area up to the 3rd bridge. Goodridge reminded board that service groups will be available next year to assist in clean ups.
- k. **Carr's Grove**: Velliquette suggested replacing stoves at Carr's and Samaria Park. Motion by Velliquette to purchase and install two stoves and remove old stoves at a cost up to \$1,000, seconded by Dunn.
- l. **Wheeler Preserve**: On hold for Mannik & Smith to estimate costs for final summation to Zaum to close the property sale.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner's Comments: Dunn: Good to be back. Healing. Thanked the board for their kindness. Velliquette: Welcome to Sally. Challenged board members to think about responsibilities for projects for 2019; various parts of the Fireworks Program, Trade Fair, Dog Park, Newsletter (possible each member take on writing 1/year), Volunteer Group, etc. Wilke: Welcome back to Sally and welcome on board to Carol Laurie. Goodridge: Welcome to Sally and Carol. Will follow through on letter to Angie for Township Board to approve Carol Laurie at their December 4th meeting.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Crandell