

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

July 23, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: TC Clements, Nancy Crandell

Excused: None.

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 Dunton to approve the agenda of the July 23, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Velliquette to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Secretary's Report: None reported
5. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$5,350.25. Velliquette reported that remaining balance information will be available at the August meeting. Wilke questioned what the Miracle Recreation charge was for – noted it was for mulch for all of the parks. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Wilke, seconded by Velliquette. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Presentations: None.
7. Community Education: Crandell reported that resumes for the Youth Leagues job are coming in with a deadline of August 2. Have received 3 applicants to date; 2 females and 1 male. Interviews will be set up following. Crandell will let Board know when they are set.
8. Comments from the Public: Gail Keene welcomed Mr. Wilke to the board and stated that she would like to meet with him following the meeting. She stated that she has requested a FOIA from Township Board with concerns over building damage fees and legal fees that should not be paid by the Park Board.
9. Old / New Business:
 - a. **Carr's Grove Park**: Velliquette noted that need rubber foot pads for multi-pondo. Will get estimate from Miracle Recreation. Weeding done but the flowers were cut.
 - b. **Samarina Park**: Dunn stated that John Howard replaced the thermostat in the shelter. Took bolts off the door to enter. Renter was thrilled that it was replaced before their rental. Weeding was done but flowers were cut.
 - c. **White Park**: Velliquette noted the broken Green Toad playground equipment was removed. 3B has checked the bleachers. They perform a safety check yearly. Parking lot needs stone. Velliquette will make the request
 - d. **Parmelee Park**: Goodridge said parts have been ordered to finish the Skate Park and will be completed after the shelter is finished. Also stated that not all of the mulch has been placed (only half at Carr has been done). Noted that Parks pays for maintenance and it isn't being handled. Velliquette and Goodridge will meet with Pironne.
 - e. **Indian Creek**: Dunn reported about Liver4Alys event. She met the family and learned that the family is on call for a liver transplant in Cincinnati. Great event. Family will let Dunn know when it happens.
 - f. **Ansted Park**: Goodridge commented that the frame for the shelter is done, Kurt is ready to truss once approved. Metal ready for pickup when ready for it. Velliquette talked with John Hoffman regarding the management of phragmites. Waiting for a cost estimate and management plan (may be \$5,000) but it has to be done. Discussion about transplanting the tree and rock closer to the road. Clements noted the placement of the porta-potty should be repositioned for accessibility and aesthetics. Goodridge to call Stevens about relocation. Received a request from Jan Wilson to plant a tree and place a bench as a memorial at Ansted or other park. Discussion to move the request to White Park.

- g.** Wheeler Preserve: Goodridge called Goldsmith regarding paperwork to Zaum this week. Need to get pricing on parking lot and the culvert. Need to get ideas and wording for a monument/plaque for the Wheelers to get a cost estimate. Discussion of the location of the path.
 - h.** Update: The deadlines on the grant were changed. 5-Year plan completed last year so set to go. Discussion that Wilke needs the plan and Dunn will check the MI Parks website for grant information. Need park conversion prior to applying. Discussion ensued about using grant to renovate tennis courts at Carr or other needs. Received an opinion on how to proceed with sale of Miller and Mohawk Parks. Liz Marshall interested in buying property but bid process should be followed. Discussion on bid process and various parks ownership. Will go through Trudy Hershberger to do bid process properly and placing a minimum bid on sales.
10. Comments from the Public: Gail Keene, 1056 W. Temperance Rd. stated playscape at Samaria is hot and no shade. Suggested that Parks Board needs better representation at Township Hall with pictures of board members and each park along with something people need to know. Suggested that the Parks Board talk with Toledo Metroparks and TMACOG to join in making bike lanes along Douglas, Secor and Whiteford Roads. Also suggested that groups may take “control” of some of the pocket parks (Woodstream) to keep them up. Stated that the lack of maintenance being completed due to reluctance of Township to hire staff. FOIA from March, 2017 states that Conner Hutchinson “belongs” to the Parks. Parks should talk with Township board.
 11. Commissioner’s Comments: Velliquette suggested the need to get copy of Park Board duties to each board member. Stressed need to call if absent.
 12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette seconded by Dunton, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Crandell