

## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Township Hall

8100 Jackman Road

June 11, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jerry Goodridge, Chair, Sally Dunn, Connie Velliquette & 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: Velliquette added Rescinding to 11a. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised agenda of the June 11, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: Dunn submitted for change to 9h "Goodridge reported that the Bedford Blast is using the ball diamond". Goodridge submitted for correction to 9i that Sean has not yet signed the contract. Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Goodridge to approve the revised minutes of the May 14, 2018 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunton to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2018 Special Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Velliquette, seconded by Goodridge to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Special Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Secretary's Report: Fireworks donations received so far are \$3,600.
7. Treasurer's Report: Expenses for period \$14,960.70. Remaining fund balance \$70,095.11. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Velliquette, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Presentations: Blizzard Fest Committee. Tasha Harris 3405 Consear. Lexi Rapp 1359 Larchmont. December 14-15 from 4-9pm each day. They would like to hold this event at Carr Park and St Paul's church. They have been looking into a temporary ice rink on Carr Park's property. A second event called Bedford Battle of the Lights will also take place for judges to drive by and determine best neighborhood lights display. The winner would be announced during Blizzard Fest.
9. Community Education: Softball, Tee ball, and pre-Tee ball are starting next week. Over 300 children have signed up. They could use more diamonds, stone, and dirt. There's a special pickleball event on the 17th in Sylvania, or the Junior High depending on weather conditions. The pickleball group is extremely excited about how much has been done.
10. Comments from the Public: Gail Keane said the Blizzard Committee presented at the Lewis Ave Corridor meeting, and she would like to know who the board members on the committee are. She said the fire department has to approve the bonfires on the church property.
11. Old / New Business:
  - a. Accept Joan Dunton's rescinded resignation: Motion to accept Dunton's rescinded resignation made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.
  - b. Approve recommendation for Park Board member: Motion to recommend Rusty Wilke for the park vacancy to the township board made by Velliquette seconded by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.
  - c. **Carr's Grove Park:** X-Wave machine is broken and roped off. Velliquette would like to have someone come out and inspect it, and X-Wave at White Park.
  - d. **Samaria Park:** Water was checked on June 7. Samaria days were kind of rained out. Shinkle's just donated 9 flats of flowers, Velliquette and Dunn will be planting tomorrow.
  - e. **White Park:** Striping for pickleball courts on tennis courts has been done. Mulch still needs to be put in play

area. Goodridge will call Kerry about informing 3B participants that cars parked alongside the road will start being cited. There have been several near-misses with car accidents because of blocked visibility. Goodridge will speak with Fortin about obtaining funds for installing a crossing area with lights. Dunn has already looked into this, and she said there has to be sidewalks before something like that will be installed. Clements said there hasn't been enough of an issue for the road commission to take action.

- f. **Parmelee Park**: A sign needs to be installed because people have been throwing things like mattresses in the dumpster. The next phase of the skate park is waiting to begin.
- g. **Indian Creek**: There was an article in The Blade about a medical fundraising run on June 21. Goodridge had a complaint about grass length at soccer fields, and he contacted Ramirez about cutting.
- h. **Ansted Park**: The pavilion should be done by the end of June. Pat Hogan wants to donate several local milkweed plants for the butterfly garden, and he offered to plant them with his family. Dominic from ITC came down and leveled off and re-seeded the area where their heavy equipment did damage. And he will come back to replant wildflower seeds as well. He will also get a price on cutting overgrown areas at Indian creek that the township can't cut. Three volunteers came out with their children to help with weeding. She had the opportunity to teach them about the different plants, and how to remove the unwanted plants. Taylor from Monroe Conservation said the board needs to go through MEAP to be verified as a MEAP site.
- i. **Fireworks**: Only one contract from the food trucks has been returned. Locations for fireworks signs were discussed. Velliquette told the board to be sure to pick up the signs the next day because they will be reused each year.

12. Comments from the Public: Gail Keene wants to ensure that the milkweed is not invasive. She also recommended that Clements write his own letter of recommendation. She said she's had troubles leaving White Park. She can help with fireworks sign locations.

13. Commissioner's Comments: Dunn said Velliquette did a nice job on the board's newsletter article.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Velliquette, seconded by Dunn, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Goodridge.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Dunton, Park Board Secretary