

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
July 22, 2015

Members Present: Tora Consolo, Vice Chair; Sue Curran; Mitch Fakadej; Hillary Henry; Jim Keszenheimer; Henri Preuss; Marty Sfiligoj, Chair and David Mitchell, Property Superintendent

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman at 7:03 P.M. at Settlers Park.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Guests: None.

Minutes

Ms. Consolo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated June 17, 2015 as written.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update and Other Parks and Properties

Mr. Mitchell presented the 2015 Executive Summary on the state of the parks and noted that a simple document for the trustees would be produced by the end of 2015. This document would contain a listing of park assets as well as suggested changes for the future. As of this meeting there is no definitive way that the information will be compiled.

A discussion was held regarding seniors and opportunities for them seem to have fallen short and the impact of the various parks will affect people differently.

The board members will continue reviewing the parks and discussed setting a timeline for the executive summary of October, 2015 in order to have it to the trustees by year end.

Concert at Heritage Park

The board discussed the recent concert that was held at Heritage Park on July 21st and the attendance at the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Questionnaire

The board held a discussion about supplying all renters of township buildings with questionnaires. It was also suggested that questionnaires be sent to all residents or they could be published in the Bainbridge Banter for example and/or given to the civic groups and people attending functions at the high school.

OTHER BUSINESS

SERVICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION DISCUSSION

Budget

The board held a review of the budget that Mr. Mitchell had submitted. He noted that all of the numbers in the budget are capital improvement type items, not maintenance items for the parks.

Service Department Renovation

It was noted that all Parks personnel and Service Department staff will be relocated to the Road Department at the completion of the new addition for the Service Department.

KCE – Field Maintenance

The board discussed the maintenance of the fields by Kenston Community Education.

Heritage Park Playground

The board discussed the need for a new playground at Heritage Park for the younger children who use the park. The playground should be expandable as necessary.

Damage Report

Mr. Mitchell reported on the flood damage that occurred as a result of the July 14th rainstorm. River Road Park was down to mud in various areas and Centerville Mills Park had damage including a washed out driveway. There was no reported damage at Settlers Park.

Current Park Usage

Mr. Mitchell reported that the township may not have to improve the parks based upon KCE usage. There was a noted drop in the enrollment in the Kenston School District that is impacting KCE participation. The suggestion was made to contact the Kenston Board of Education regarding future enrollment in the schools.

Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that volleyball courts are heavily used and the parking lot needs to be re-tapered to roll water to one side and he recently replaced one grill in the park. The fences and backstops need some work and the fences are starting to rust. The water from the township facility buildings needs to flow into Settlers Park but the water should be piped rather than letting it flow across open areas. This has caused increased weed growth that then causes water to back up. He added that the drainage work done in 2014 was beneficial to Settlers Park and is working well at the present time.

Mr. Preuss suggested that the bollards should be replaced throughout Settlers Park and the trees could stand some work.

The board discussed the playground at Settlers Park and the need for it to be replaced.

River Road Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the volleyball courts are heavily used at River Road Park and there are now cameras in place there.

Centerville Mills Park

The board held a discussion on the dining hall renovation and the success of the project. There are two new sinks that were installed in the dining hall. Mr. Mitchell reported that there are plans to install a Bocce Ball court.

Motion-Permanent Park Board Office

Mr. Sfiligoj moved to recommend that the office at Centerville Mills Park be used as a permanent meeting place and office for the Park Board. The facility can still be used, in part, as a library and museum to display Centerville Mills memorabilia.

Ms. Consolo seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the board of trustees.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The board was in agreement to hold the next meeting on August 19, 2015 at Centerville Mills Park.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bainbridge Township Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 19, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – Centerville Mills Park