

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Members Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Henri Preuss, Vice Chairman; Mitch Fakadej; Hillary Henry; Dennis Martin, Jeff Markley, Township Trustee and Jim Stanek, Service Director

Guests: Mr. Dale Olson
Representatives from the Aurora Co-op Preschool
Mr. Ted Seliga
Students from Notre-Dame Cathedral Latin High School

Mr. Sfiligoj, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Bainbridge Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Aurora Co-op Preschool

Ms. Ann Olsen, Director and two other representatives of the Aurora Co-op Preschool met with the Park Board to discuss the continuing use of the Day Care building at Centerville Mills Park. They expressed their concerns about the building potentially being removed, the lease and the storage building that they use.

The Park Board was in agreement that per the inspection of the building, there are not any serious safety issues with it and it is an income producing building.

Mr. Markley explained that the Board of Trustees is working on capturing the costs at Centerville Mills Park. The representatives stated that they can make the building financially viable for many years.

Boy Scout Troop 102 (Lord of Life Church)

Mr. Dale Olson of Boy Scout Troop 102 met with the Park Board to discuss taking over the maintenance and use of the dispensary building and cabin 22 for use by the boy scouts along with members of Lord of Life Church. It was noted that the Daycare is currently using cabin 22 for storage.

The Park Board discussed the condition of the dispensary, the liabilities involved and what it would cost to bring the building up to current ADA standards.

Mr. Olson explained that the scouts and members of the church would use it for a meeting room but they don't need water in the building, just heat that could be turned off when it is not being used, and it would be kept as primitive. He noted that the roof is only four to five years old and if they can't take care of it anymore it could revert back to the township.

The board expressed a concern regarding the expense to bring the building up to code.

Mr. Olson said they would move the walls to make it into one giant room and he is of the understanding that the cabin will be moved to the camping area. He added that he would like to have the dispensary building inspected and it could be done at no expense by the Geauga County Building Department and they will not be asking for any money from the township.

Mr. Sfiligoj said unfortunately the demolition has already started but he can convey Mr. Olson's request to the Board of Trustees. After some discussion the Park Board was in agreement for Mr. Sfiligoj to draft a letter to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees outlining the proposal from Mr. Dale Olson (Boy Scout Troop 102 from Lord of Life Church) regarding taking over the maintenance and use of the dispensary building and cabin 22 by the scouts and members of Lord of Life Church at Centerville Mills Park. The purpose of this letter is to receive a response from the Board of Trustees regarding such proposal.

MINUTES

Mr. Preuss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated October 16, 2013 as written.

Ms. Henry seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stanek reported on the status of the parks. The bridges at Centerville Mills Park have removed and they are working on removing the picnic shelter. The lights are being controlled at Heritage Park and the over-seeding of the fields have been beneficial. They are looking into the drainage at Settlers Park. The bathrooms at River Road Park have been winterized and the volley ball mound was leveled. The sewer line from the dining hall to the sewer plant is being replaced.

Mr. Preuss suggested that the wood benches at Settlers Park be kept inside the pavilion for the winter months and that the soccer goals be put on the volleyball court or in the woods to save the grass. He also mentioned that the light on the flag at Settlers Park is on all of the time. He noted that the pine trees between the freeway and the chemical toilets are dead and need to be replaced.

Mr. Stanek reported that the Events Committee will not be holding a Christmas event this year but will hold something at Heritage Park next summer and added that the Memorial Day ceremony may be held at Heritage Park next year.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The board was in agreement to cancel the regular meeting for December (12/18/2013) and to hold the organizational meeting in January 2014 (1/15/2014).

OTHER BUSINESS

Inspection Reports

The board reviewed the inspection reports for the Daycare Building and the White House. It was noted that the White House has a lot of rotten wood and electrical issues.

Mr. Stanek will have a contractor look at the house and provide an estimate to perform the repairs at the White House.

Walkway Repairs at Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Stanek reported that he obtained two estimates for the walkway at Centerville Mills Park and it will cost more to refurbish it than to rebuild. He will forward the estimates to the Park Board.

Grants

Ms. Henry reported that she has been looking into obtaining grant money as previously discussed at the September 16, 2013 Park Board Meeting. She said there is a Foundation Center located in downtown Cleveland but the research is lengthy and tedious and she is unsure if local governments can obtain funding through grants. She will forward the information she has found to the Park Board members and will draft a memo to the Board of Trustees regarding potential grant money.

Since there was no further business, Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 15, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Town Hall