

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES JULY 16, 2014

Members Present: Sue Curran; Mitch Fakadej, Hillary Henry; Jim Keszenheimer; Henri Preuss, Vice Chairman; and Jim Stanek, Service Director

Mr. Preuss, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at the Pavilion at River Road Park.

GUESTS: Ms. Tora Consolo and Mr. Ted Seliga

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Preuss stated that Ms. Consolo is a guest tonight and is interested in becoming a member of the Park Board. He also reported that the Board of Trustees on July 14, 2014 voted to approve the Centerville Mills Building Demolition Plan that was prepared by Mr. Jim Stanek, Service Director and an architectural firm is in the process of being hired.

MINUTES

Mr. Keszenheimer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated June 18, 2014 as written.

Ms. Curran seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT

Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Stanek reported that a suggestion for the Lakeside Center is to turn it into an open air pavilion but still have the bathrooms and the Nature Center will be modified into a gazebo with the chimney that was left. He added that expenditures were incurred at the park recently that were not planned.

Mr. Preuss reiterated that the board wanted to save the roof on the Nature Center but could not and noted that the Service Department removed scrub and trees in that area so there is a beautiful view and the area can be seen from Chillicothe Road now.

River Road Park

Mr. Stanek reported on the projects at River Road Park such as the pavilion was painted, the batters boxes and pitcher's mound on diamonds #2 and #3 were rebuilt, the playground fall protection was restored and a broken rope climb was removed, the work was started on the volleyball courts and regular daily maintenance was performed. He noted that a lot of the Ash trees were affected by the Ash Borer and the Pear trees need to be pruned.

Settlers Park

Mr. Stanek reported that the drainage project will start on August 1st and the trim on the pavilion was painted.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Parks Levy

Mr. Press made a recommendation that the Park Board should start thinking about a levy for the parks because in the future the township is going to have limited resources to maintain them. The park board discussed the two former parks levies and the levy for the recreation center that failed.

Mr. Seliga explained the loss of the inheritance tax and the depletion of the investment fund. He added that a levy is the ultimate survey. The board held a discussion regarding the proposed levy and was in agreement that more research needs to be done regarding the budget and maintenance of the parks before a parks levy can be recommended to the board of trustees. It was also noted that people from other municipalities are using the parks for free such as Solon and Bentleyville which is putting a burden on the Bainbridge Township taxpayers.

Kenston Community Education (KCE)

The board held a discussion about the field use by KCE and the contributions it is making to the parks. The board was in agreement to invite the KCE representatives for Bainbridge Township to the next Park Board meeting to be held at Heritage Park on August 20th to discuss the partnership between KCE and the township.

Since there was no further business, Ms. Curran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Henry seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 20, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Heritage Park