

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2014

Members Present: Sue Curran; Mitch Fakadej, Hillary Henry; Jim Keszenheimer; Henri Preuss, Vice Chairman; Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Jim Stanek, Service Director; David Mitchell, Property Superintendent and Lorrie Benza, Bainbridge Township Trustee

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

GUEST: Mr. Ted Seliga

MINUTES

Mr. Preuss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 16, 2014 as written.

Ms. Henry seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PARKS UPDATE

Heritage Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the team benches and bleachers need to be installed before the playground and added that the grass is strong.

Mr. Sfiligoj inquired about the Bissell House and if the Historical Society is using the entire building or if the Park Board could use part of the area for its meetings and added that he would like to have a permanent meeting place for the Park Board at one of the parks in the future. Mrs. Benza explained the lease agreement the township has with the Historical Society and it is to be used for a museum. Mr. Stanek reported on the landscaping and added that someone was interested in having a band concert in the pavilion but nothing is definite yet and added that the two other playgrounds need to be addressed first.

Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the drainage is being installed at Settlers Park and noted that the bathrooms and the picnic shelter trim have been painted.

River Road Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the volleyball courts were re-graded and the field was top-dressed for football.

Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Stanek reported that the tenants in the White House and Daycare Building have been notified that their leases will be expiring and added that the Bainbridge Fire Department will be working with the Aurora Fire Department regarding demolition of the White House. He stated that the architect looked at the Lakeside building and there is potential to take out one wall and open it up if cost effective but the Blue Room was not worth trying to downsize, it would be better to take it down and construct a new one. He said the architect was impressed with the Dining Hall but there will be additional costs for aesthetics and upgrades for air conditioning etc.

Service Department Commendation

Mr. Preuss commended the Service Department employees for the good job they have been doing and their professionalism while working in the parks.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenston Community Education (KCE) – Waiver Request of Fees for the Use of Bainbridge Township Fields

The board held a discussion regarding the waiver request from KCE and felt that the request should have been made at the beginning of the year. The board was in agreement that more discussions need to take place with the KCE reps, Board of Trustees, Park Board and Board of Education and more information is needed before a recommendation can be made. The Park Board acknowledged the donations that KCE has provided to the parks this year which was approximately \$7,600 (\$3,000 to the Settlers Park drainage project and \$4,600 to the River Road baseball fields) but would like to see documentation to substantiate the request.

Mr. Sfiligoj stated that it is the board's understanding that KCE owes that money and he would recommend that the request not be accepted and he would personally recommend that the Board of Trustees reject their request for the waiver. Mr. Keszenheimer stated that the board needs to investigate it and put forth a request for them to present it before this board can make an informed decision on whether or not to refuse it.

The board discussed inviting one or more KCE reps to each Park Board meeting and in turn a representative of the Park Board should attend the KCE meetings. The board was in agreement that the KCE reps should attend the Board of Trustees meetings.

Motion – KCE Request for Waiver of Fees for the Use of Bainbridge Township Fields

Mr. Keszenheimer made a motion that the Park Board recommends to the Board of Trustees to request additional information from KCE to substantiate its request before the Park Board makes a decision on that request and if presented in a public form of a Bainbridge Township Board Trustees meeting it would be better served for everybody's interest.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion.

Vote: Ms. Curran, aye; Mr. Fakadej, aye; Ms. Henry, aye; Mr. Keszenheimer, aye; Mr. Preuss, aye; Mr. Sfiligoj, nay.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 17, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Centerville Mills Park