

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

Members Present: Tora Consolo; Sue Curran; Hillary Henry; 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 Centerville Mills Park Dining Hall.

GUESTS: Mr. Ted Seliga; Members of the Aurora Co-op Preschool; Mr. David Jones; Ms. Jennifer Holzheimer, KCE Director and Mr. Jason Bednar, President of KCE Board

MINUTES

Mr. Sfiligoj made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated August 20, 2014 as written.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

AURORA CO-OP PRESCHOOL

The Park Board reviewed the letter from the Aurora Co-op Preschool dated September 2, 2014.

Ms. Michelle Statham, Board President stated that Mr. Preuss had asked for a letter, they pay an hourly rate and are more than happy to work out a different arrangement.

Mr. Scott Wolf stated that the intent of the letter is the township would not have to spend money on the building, the parents would be willing to donate to it and they want to talk to the township about extending their lease and added they would need to know by January of 2015 if their lease could be extended beyond the end of the school year in 2015 and they want the building to generate a profit for the township. He said it would be a win-win situation for the co-op and the township.

The board discussed the township being in the rental business and leasing a building to only one organization without it being used by other groups in the summer months.

Mrs. Benza stated that regarding the information in the letter, nothing has changed and referred to the Heery report and there is nothing more for the Park Board to do regarding this matter.

KENSTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION (KCE)

Ms. Jennifer Holzheimer, KCE Director and Mr. Jason Bednar, KCE Board President were present. Ms. Holzheimer stated that the KCE Waiver request has been withdrawn and the payment has been made in full. She said they need to start looking at Spring of 2015 and her job is to provide sports programs at the highest quality and to find space to use that is already being paid for. She noted that the Auburn Community Park opened and KCE will use the space there and she is going to go where it is free rather than pay. She explained that when the basketball games are played at the school KCE pays for the clean-up of the buildings only.

The board discussed the field usage with Ms. Holzheimer. Mr. Stanek stated that since there was a recent drainage project at Settlers Park, that park will be closed.

Ms. Holzheimer stated that she has been working with Mr. Ted Seliga on a communication stream because there was a break-down in communication. She added that the student population is lowering, it has affected registrations and she is willing to work with Mr. Stanek and the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Benza announced that the Board of Trustees will be holding a special meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 8:00 AM at the town hall for the purpose of a work session with KCE.

Ms. Holzheimer stated that the KCE meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month, they are an intricate part of the community, they are not interested in controlling the Bainbridge Township parks and KCE is a part of everyone's family. She added that they will not do capital improvements to the parks without informing the township first.

The field use was discussed and keeping people off of the fields when necessary.

Ms. Holzheimer said that KCE is just interested in scheduling the parks and her door is always open and encouraged the Park Board members to call her.

Mrs. Benza stated that at least one KCE rep will be attending the Park Board meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Seliga suggested that everyone on the Park board should attend at least one KCE meeting.

REVIEW OF PARK OPERATIONS

Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Stanek reported that everything is status quo at Centerville Mills Park. They are looking at the costs of the White house and the scope of work is being drawn up for the Lakeside Center.

Mrs. Benza added that a different architect has been hired, David Sommers & Associates.

Settlers Park

Mr. Stanek reported that the park will be closed down due to the new drainage project.

River Road Park

Mr. Stanek reported that the volleyball area has been re-graded.

Playground Equipment – Settlers and River Road Parks

Mr. Stanek explained that an employee will be sent to a class to be trained to perform the inspections on the playgrounds in-house.

NEW PARK BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Sfiligoj welcomed new Park Board Member Ms. Tora Consolo. She stated that she loves Bainbridge Township and loves this park and wants to do all she can to maintain what we have left.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 15, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Centerville Mills Park (Lakeside Center)