

Wednesday, May 1,

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on May 1, 2010. Those present were trustees Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Mrs. Lorrie Sass Benza and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Cherianne H. Measures. Mr. Matthew J.D. Lynch was absent. Mr. Markley presided and called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

## WORK SESSION

### Bissell House

Mr. Markley announced that we are here today to discuss the Veteran's Memorial Park. He also reiterated that it is no secret that he was not in favor of the process with which the park was developed. But this project is before us and now is the opportunity to focus on the Park and developing a timeline for completing the entire project.

Mr. Stephen Ciciretto was introduced, and he reviewed the plan currently for the park. The plan included the relocation of the Bissell House, the Veteran's Memorial centered around the Old Bainbridge School flag pole, and the new pavilion. The connecting pathways, landscaping and parking areas were not part of the original plan. The ADA compliant restrooms have been discussed and a design has been proposed, however nothing has been approved as of yet. The refinishing of the exterior of the Bissell House has not been contracted and should be covered under the next phase.

Mrs. Benza asked Mr. Ciciretto if it would be necessary to consider the interior refinishing of the Bissell House when considering the restrooms. Mr. Ciciretto feels it could be an independent project. Mr. Ciciretto stated that the trustees should determine the use of the Bissell House and who will fund the project.

Mr. Karl Kuckelheim explained that the home was two apartments and therefore, there were two bathrooms upstairs, two kitchens, a lot of redundancy. Mr. Markley asked if there was a subcommittee of the Historical Society that has a plan for the use of this building. Mr. Markley would like to see an all inclusive plan for this historical location that can be used by everyone. The Bissell House was originally built in 1835. Prior to that date, there was a log cabin on the property somewhere. The Historical Society would like to keep the original portion of the house for the museum and the newer addition portion could be the "public" area where the kitchen and entrance could be set up as a meeting room to be used by Bainbridge organizations such as the Civic Club and Historical Society.

Mr. Karl Kuckelheim was asked what would be the big draw to this facility. He stated that he envisions opening the museum any time there is a function held at the park or at the pavilion. He would also like to be open on Saturdays when there are ball games going on at the park. The museum would be a big draw to the schools.

Mr. Markley proposed that these organizations consider the name of the park. Veteran's Memorial is definitely a significant part of the park, but Mr. Markley stated that there is so much more that is a part of this park.

Mr. Ciciretto stated that the base of the pavilion is complete and the upper structure will go up next week at which point the pavilion should be complete.

Mr. Ciciretto asked the board where they wish to go from here with lighting and parking lots and driveways. The monument will be lit, the pavilion will be lit on the surface but no floodlighting. Mr. Ciciretto sees those components as part of the landscaping section.

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Mr. Markley asked if there should be a lead committee made up of members from each of the groups; the Men's Club, the Historical Society, and the Park Board. The board of Trustees should have the names of the representatives from each group and the committee has met once before the end of May and reported to Mr. Ciciretto in order for him to report back to the board of trustees. Mr. Markley also asked for progress points for the park in order to complete the entire area before October of 2011 for the bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Clyde Whiley asked if there are outdoor electrical receptacles for various uses, such as holiday lighting.

Mrs. Benza asked Mrs. Almast Finn what she would like to see for this park. Mrs. Finn responded that the Bissell House should not be reserved for use by specific organizations but rather used for the general public. Mrs. Finn also feels the memorial should be more general in order to avoid accidentally omitting names and offending someone. Mrs. Benza asked Mrs. Finn to be a member of the lead committee as a representative of the general public that is not also a member of one of the other organizations. She hesitated, but ultimately said she would be willing to be on the committee.

#### Veteran's Memorial

Mr. Ciciretto reviewed the design for the Veteran's Memorial and the elements involved. The center flag pole from the Old School, and six new shorter flag poles representing the six branches of the military. The memorial design has not been finalized yet, and has included many discussions from the various groups.

Mr. Markley would like to have a veteran's group from Bainbridge meet to answer questions regarding how to put names of the veterans in the memorial and how the actual monument would be designed, and what material should be used. Mr. Kuckelheim said that he feels the names need to be on the monument somewhere, somehow, which will be a huge draw for people searching for ancestors' names.

#### Driveways

Mr. Ciciretto stated that the driveways and access points are the next element to be decided.

Mrs. Benza suggested a breakdown of considerations such as: access, use, and maintenance for the lead committee to keep in mind. She then reviewed some questions of funding and on-going maintenance that the committee also should address.

The committee will meet at 9:00 A.M. on May 22, 2010 at the Burns Lindow Building, providing the facility is available.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Henri Preuss, from the Park Board, expressed the opinion of the Park Board to use a boulder from the local area instead of using foreign material. In addition, a list of names of Veterans can and will likely be maintained within the Bissell House by the Historical Society.

Clean Up Days

Mr. Markley moved to approve the purchase order dated April 24, 2010 to Penn Ohio in the amount of \$5,500.00 for Clean Up Days, that was missed on the agenda last Monday night, per the recommendation of the Road Superintendent.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Purchase Order Request – McPhillips

Mr. David Mitchell reviewed the purchase order request for a change order to the previous purchase order from last year to accommodate the needs of the Fire Department that were moved from Centerville Mills to complete the switchover.

Mr. Markley moved to approve the purchase order request dated April 27, 2010 to McPhillips Heating in the amount of \$2,000.00 per the recommendation of the Property Superintendent.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Purchase Order Request – Granger

Mr. Mitchell explained the request for the new heaters for the renovation of the Dining Hall Restroom Renovation to be put in place during the remodeling.

Mr. Markley moved to approve the purchase order request dated April 29, 2010 to Grainger in the amount of \$1,234.64 for the heaters, per the recommendation of the Property Superintendent.

Mrs. Benza seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Judith Gooding expressed her concerns regarding the costs of maintaining this new park that is being developed. She suggested that the elected officials develop a budget for this group to understand how much they have to spend on an annual basis.

Mr. Markley thanked everyone for their participation. The board will appoint the two resident members at the regular meeting May 10, 2010.

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Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherianne H. Measures,  
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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