

# BAINBRIDGE PARK BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – September 20, 2006

Park Board Chairman Henri Preuss called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Members present were Henri Preuss, Dennis Martin, Clyde Whaley, and Vince Meier. Bob Ford, Park Manager, and Susan Preuss were also present.

The Previous Minutes were read and approved by Dennis and Vince.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Plaque for Sue Frohman:** Jeff presented a proclamation at the trustees meeting. The plaque included the township logo that was presented by Henri.
2. **River Road Work:** (sewer and water): There was no update on this project. Bob will go on site and observe and/or enquire about the project.
3. **Cemetery expansion update:** The cemetery has been surveyed, marked and started. The surveyor was behind, so the road department started the road prior to surveyor completion. The road was off a bit to the left. The solution would be for the road department to expand the parking lot. They can build it with scrap material. This would gain approximately 10 to 16 additional new parking spaces at River Road. Clyde made a motion to extend the parking lot to the point of the road. Vince seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. **Scheduling Update:** All scheduling for the fields for the fall is complete.
5. **School Teams Fundraising Update:** All school fundraising projects are set and underway at the present time. Bob will try again in the spring.
6. **Service Garage on Bainbridge Road:** Progress on the paperwork is moving along. Currently it is in escrow.

## New Business

1. **KCE Football Program:** All their fields are away. They have no home games. They have made \$15,000 in concessions and raffles. Keith Donaldson and are in charge of the program and have asked for more fields. They will supply money for River Road and aerate the fields and oversee maintenance in exchange for using it as their home football field. Their games are on Saturday and Sunday. They will not practice there. Soccer games could practice on the fields. Out-fields are holding up. The fields need to be over-seeded in the high traffic areas. Bob has attended clinics on maintenance of the fields and has written a program for maintaining our fields. He will provide copies at the next meeting. The KCE Football can have the West or East field. It will not compete with soccer. The Soccer and football teams can each have a field. KCE has 6-8 teams and 4 home games. Soccer and also use 2 small fields at Centerville Mills Park next year.

- Soccer should also be able to use the School fields. Dennis made a motion that states, One field at River Road Park will be marked and used strictly for football games only, with the understanding that Kenston football help maintain the field and practice on baseball fields or at a school. Vince seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **River Road Field Repair:** Keeping people off the East field at River Road Park has become problematic. Diggins has machinery there for repairs and have been working on the field. Coaches and children have disregarded the roped off area and have attempted to play on the field, even while the heavy-duty equipment is in operation. Trip Ronie is in charge of the kids on the field and has been advised that no one should be on the field while it is under repair. This is a serious safety issue and also damages the field. Bob will send a second letter to the offending group advising that: should they be seen using the field again, their permit will be withdrawn. A copy will be kept on file at Town Hall. We need to encourage more cooperation among the sports teams and the park manager. Dennis motioned that; The Park manager is to send a letter to Futball Club; that if they can't stay off the East field that is being repaired, their permit will be revoked this year and the fee will be raised next year to \$25.00 per hour to cover the cost of repair of the field. Clyde seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  3. **Old Service Garage:** The garage is close to being transferred.
  4. **River Road Park:** Signs have been stolen. A police report was made. Bob has replaced all but one and bolted them with tamper proof bolts to make them harder to steal.
  5. **Drainage update at Settlers Park:** Project is on hold due to weather, but working well.
  6. **Field report at Settlers Park:** Turvis was used to control mud and over-seeded the soccer field at Settlers Park. The grass is growing fast. Clinics recommend over-seeding in high traffic areas. It then gets cleated in with the kids playing on the field. It will grow better in the spring. We can over-seed in the snow.
  7. **Field Repairs at River Road:** The fields have been rolled. The road department cooperated and shares equipment. It looks nice.
  8. **Centerville Mills Park:** There needs to be clarification of the park manager's role at Centerville Mills. At the present time, the Park Board helps give direction, yet has no real function at Centerville Mills regarding routine maintenance. There needs to be clarification of rules and there needs to be the same rules as the other parks. Work needs to be overseen for safety and liability reasons. Clyde motioned that: Centerville Mills Park needs to come under the umbrella of the park board in order to provide consistency among the 3 parks in the township. Vince seconded the motion.
  9. **Juvenile Court worker at Settlers Park:** Shawn Cartwell dug up bad spots at the Volleyball court and is doing a nice job.
  10. **New sand at Settlers Park:** The sand is there. Juvenile Court will put it in this weekend. Next year, we may need new poles at the volleyball court.
  11. **Parking issue at Settlers:** During the time when one team had not yet left the field and the next group came in, an ambulance could not get into the park. This is not an isolated incident and is a safety concern. Steve Harris scheduled 4 teams

on the hour and one game ran 20 minutes late. Many families bring 2 cars. Maybe we can encourage car-pooling. We also need to schedule time to get cars in and out between games. We should schedule only 2 teams at 1 time and schedule an hour and a half for the game and an additional half hour to clear the lot. Bob will meet with schedulers again and discuss the issues in person, then follow up with a letter and send a copy to the trustees.

**12. Settlers Park parking lot extension:** When Bob met with Jeff to review the cemetery drive, it was decided that the parking lot could be expanded and then the drive to the cemetery would not appear to be off center. The additional spaces will aid the stress on parking. The road department can complete the job with materials already on hand.

**13. Budget:** We are running under budget this year. We can possibly get a swing set and play mats at River Road Park. We were able to purchase pipe and gravel and aerating for less than the budgeted amount.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. So moved by Dennis, seconded by Clyde.