

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2011**

Members Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Mitch Fakadej; David Jones; Dennis Martin; Clyde Whaley and David Mitchell, Property Superintendent

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

Guests: Mr. Matt Lynch, Township Trustee  
Ms. Gina Zahn, Resident  
Mr. Jack Tretheway, KCE Representative from Auburn Township

**MINUTES**

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated December 15, 2010 as written.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

**ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Jones made a motion to retain the same Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2011 as in 2010 which are Mr. Marty Sfiligoj and Mr. Henri Preuss respectively.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Sunshine Law and Meeting Schedule

Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt and support the Sunshine Law as provided in the O.R.C. and to set the meeting schedule as the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

By-Laws

The board was in agreement to retain the By-Laws adopted on July 15, 2009.

Term Limits

The board acknowledged the recently re-appointed board members by the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to three year terms commencing on January 1, 2011: Mr. Dennis Martin, Mr. Henri Preuss and Mr. Clyde Whaley.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PLAYGROUND SESSION**

#### **Heritage Park**

Mr. Sfiligoj reported that he reviewed the playground vendors. The board discussed the proposed playground at Heritage Park and was in agreement that it should be kept simple, with low maintenance and low cost. It was suggested that the playground consist of an old-fashioned swing set and slide that is sized for smaller children. The board noted that Mr. Daniel Rees was proposing the playground as his Eagle Scout project which involves researching, pricing, meeting with the architect for the footprint and then raising the money and making recommendations to the Park Board but the board members felt that installing benches around the playground would be more realistic for an Eagle Scout project instead of the playground. Since Mr. Rees has not met with the Park Board recently on his progress, the board was in agreement to table the discussion on the proposed Heritage Park playground until he is present. Mr. Sfiligoj will contact Mr. Rees to inquire what his plans are regarding the proposed playground.

#### **Settlers Park**

The board discussed the proposed replacement playground at Settlers Park and was in agreement to narrow it down to three different styles but it should be replaced with similar new materials. The board discussed sand boxes and teeter totters and noted that sand boxes are no longer permitted.

The board discussed the time-line and was in agreement that the playgrounds should be started this spring with the Heritage Park playground first. A decision will be made by the board and then a recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

## **PARKS & PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **Settlers and River Road Park Applications**

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the sports fields rental applications for Settlers and River Road Parks and the board noted that the fees established last year were for a two year period Mr. Mitchell will update the application forms before having them posted on the website. The board also discussed the two hour minimum for baseball games because each game usually takes 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

## Motion

Mr. Jones made a motion to clarify that a baseball game cannot be started and completed totally within an hour with time remaining for marking therefore the Park Board will continue with the policy of scheduling a minimum of two hours for baseball games.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

## Kenston Community Education

The board held a discussion regarding the fees that are still owed to Bainbridge Township by KCE for games played at the township parks. Mr. Mitchell stated that they were not charged for rained out games. The board agreed that compared to other neighborhoods, the fees are not excessive and noted that other cities have levies and income taxes to fund their parks.

Mr. Fakadej suggested that the trustees from Bainbridge and Auburn Townships get together on this because Bainbridge Township is bearing all of the costs.

Mr. Jones stated that Bainbridge Township has limited fields but KCE has more and more teams and they have to control the amount of teams that are established. He also said that the board made a decision on the rates for a two year period and the meetings were open to everyone so the rates should have been known. He also noted that the new stadium field at Kenston High School was supposed to relieve the township fields but the township has never rested its fields.

Mr. Jack Tretheway, KCE representative from Auburn Township stated that the increase in fees was made after the KCE schedule (registration) went out.

Mr. Sfiligoj will meet with Ms. Holzheimer and continue to mediate the situation regarding what is owed to the township and the hours KCE used the fields.

## Frisbee Golf

The board discussed the Frisbee Golf project at Centerville Mills Park proposed by Mr. Matt Olson as an Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Mitchell will contact Mr. Olson and advise him to contact Mr. Sfiligoj regarding the project.

## Proposed Eagle Scout Projects

Mr. Mitchell submitted some Eagle Scout project ideas to the board and one is the rebuilding of the Safety Town Village because the buildings are in poor condition and one is the fence at Centerville Mills Park.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Park Board

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 16, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. at Bainbridge Town Hall**