

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2009**

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

Mr. Sfiligoj called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**KENSTON STADIUM COMMITTEE**

Dr. Scott Shell and Mr. Greg Bumbu of the Kenston Stadium Committee and Mr. Bill Doak of Kenston Community Education met with the Park Board to discuss the proposed construction of an artificial turf field at Kenston High School and the effect it would have on the township parks. The committee was in attendance because the members had asked the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees for a \$600,000 donation from the Frohring Estate tax fund and they felt that the township parks would not get as much use with the new stadium with the estimated 600 events being planned there. Mr. Bob Ford said the artificial turf would alleviate some of the wear and tear on the park's fields and eliminate the need to slit-seed them as often, but it would not take away any of the use, the township would still have rentals. He added that KCE is the biggest user of the parks. The committee stated that the new stadium would be used for many sports events including practice, band, football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball and it would be used by thousands of individuals. Mr. Doak said high school programs will benefit and the bulk of the project will be benefitting the community. He also said that KCE does all of the scheduling for the schools and the schools would get first priority when it comes to using the new stadium. A discussion was held regarding the use of township funds for the project and how the funds would be transferred to the school district. Mr. Bumbu suggested that the township could own the stadium and lease it to the school system. He added and this turf is going to relieve the parks' usage and it will bring the community together in one spot and the stadium will be an asset to the community not just the schools and the township needs more fields. The Park Board also discussed whether this would create a loss of revenue to the township and Mr. Jones stated that there would be no difference, there would still be a need for all of the fields at the parks. He also explained that the township's expansion of fields is limited by the suitability to put parks on land the township owns and more fields could be added to Centerville Mills Park but the conservancy there rips out some of the property that could have been used.

The meeting was recessed at 8:10 P.M. and reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated December 17, 2008 as written.

Mr. Jones 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.

## **PARK MANAGER'S REPORTS**

No report was given at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Facility Rentals**

Mr. Jones presented a proposal on facility rentals.

### **Property Superintendent Appointment**

Mr. Sfiligoj reported that Mr. David Mitchell was appointed as the Property Superintendent effective January 12, 2009 and congratulated him from the Park Board.

### **By-Laws**

Mr. Sfiligoj submitted proposed By-Laws to the board members to review for approval at the March meeting.

### **Centerville Mills Bathroom Architectural Proposals**

Mr. Sfiligoj reported that the township trustees have not made a decision on the bathroom proposals yet and he will suggest to them that these projects be tabled until Mr. Mitchell can compile a list of capital improvements.

### **Chagrin Valley REACT**

The Park Board acknowledged a letter to the township trustees from Chagrin Valley REACT and discussed that the REACT Team had requested to use space at Centerville Mills Park. Mr. Jones reported on his research on the Chagrin Valley React Team. Mr. Sfiligoj will write a letter to the township trustees regarding this matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Centerville Mills Camping Association Website**

It was noted that a disclaimer was added to the Bainbridge Township website Parks page, at the recommendation of the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office, stating that Bainbridge Township is, in no way, affiliated with Centerville Mills Camping Association.

### **Scouting Project Guidelines**

Mr. Sfiligoj reported that the Scouting Project Guidelines as prepared by Mr. Preuss were voted on and accepted by the township trustees.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Presentation on Facilities Management**

Mr. Jones presented a proposal on restructuring the management of the facilities. Each sports group would control themselves by using a specific field, maintain that specific field and set up their own scheduling. The board was in general agreement that it has merit for discussion and a possible pilot program.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Park Board

**NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**