

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2012**

Members Present: Henri Preuss, Vice Chairman; Mitch Fakadej; David Jones; Clyde Whaley and Dave Mitchell, Property Superintendent

Mr. Preuss, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Guests: Ms. Lynn Fagerholm
Mr. Rob Snyder

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Centerville Mills Proposal

Ms. Lynn Fagerholm met with the board and presented an Event Proposal called “Presence of Bainbridge”.

Objectives: Generate additional funds for the upkeep of Centerville Mills, develop community awareness of facilities and offerings at CVM and provide a community holiday event that will showcase the many offerings of our community.

Event Proposal: Local businesses, organizations, or entities will design and set up an attractive holiday display in a designated area for winter weeks in December. Cost for the display would be minimal in order to cover the expense of utilities required. Guests to the park would arrive after dusk to enjoy a wagon ride through the lit displays for a fee. Hot chocolate could be provided in the lodge. Offerings at the lodge could include a program from the Geauga Park District, Kenston Middle School Choir, Kenston Jazz Ensemble, etc.

Conclusion: Revenues resulting from this event would be used for upkeep and renovation of CVM. Increased awareness of the park’s many beautiful aspects would increase usage.

The board held a discussion and was in support of this proposal and agreed that it should be forwarded to the Events Committee. The following motion was made:

Mr. Jones made a motion that the Park Board supports the concept of “Presence of Bainbridge” as set forth by Lynn Fagerholm as an appropriate and suitable activity for Centerville Mills Park and suggests that it be referred to the Events Committee so that a unified approach can be made on this.

Mr. Whaley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Kenston Futbol Club

Mr. Rob Snyder, President of the Kenston Futbol Club met with the board to talk about how the money is budgeted for the upkeep of the parks. The board held a discussion on field usage and rotation.

Mr. Snyder stated that Kenston Futbol Club pays a lot of money for the fields and if the residents want quality fields, the residents need to pay for them and they are willing to pay more money. He added that the Kenston Futbol Club spends \$10,000 a year, which is paid to KCE, for the fields in Bainbridge Township.

MINUTES

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 19, 2012 as written.

Mr. Fakadej seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposals for Centerville Mills Park Buildings

The board reviewed the opinion from the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office regarding the township entering into an agreement with a private or non-profit group such as Boy Scouts for the use of some of the buildings at Centerville Mills Park. The prosecutor's opinion indicates that the township does have such authority to enter into agreements with these organizations.

It was noted that a proposal from the Boy Scouts was submitted to one of the Township Trustees prior to the Park Board meeting but the details were not available to discuss at the meeting.

The board was in agreement to compile a list of standard questions for the organizations and review the proposals at the next regularly scheduled meeting in November before making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Park Board Members

The board discussed the need for two additional park board members and will send a request to the Board of Trustees.

Use of Bissell House for Park Board Meetings

The board will send a note to the Board of Trustees regarding its interest in using the Bissell house for future Park Board meetings.

PARKS & PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

River Road Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the waterline is finished at River Road Park, the meter will be installed and the concrete will be poured in the bathroom.

The board discussed the drainage at River Road Park. Mr. Mitchell said if weather permits aerating will be done and he would like to top dress the fields.

Heritage Park

Mr. Mitchell noted that the plantings are in at Heritage Park.

Outer Township Park Land

Mr. Mitchell stated that he is looking into allowing bow hunting on the outer township park land properties such as the former Henry property on Geauga Lake Road.

KCE Agreement

Mr. Mitchell reported that he is presently working on the KCE agreement, it will be forwarded to Mr. Jim Stanek, Service Director and then to the Prosecutor's Office.

Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell stated that Settlers Park is designated as Phase II so the landscapers have to be careful about what they spray and added that the lights are in the new bathrooms.

The board discussed the drainage at Settlers Park.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Preuss made a motion to hold the next Park Board meeting on November 14, 2012 instead of the regularly scheduled date of November 21, 2012.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 14, 2012 - TOWN HALL