

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2010**

Members Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Henri Preuss, Vice 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 Olson, Boy Scout
Ms. Marianne Aardema, Aurora Co-op Preschool

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Matt Olson met with the board to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project which is installing a Frisbee Golf/Disc Golf Course at Centerville Mills Park. He stated that he walked the course with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Sfiligoj and the Land Conservancy is requiring a map of the course and added that he cannot proceed without Troop approval and he will put together a formal proposal for the Land Conservancy. He explained the location of the tees and has made adjustments and the they will be constructed so that they can be removed for the winter for the cross-country skiers.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the official request to the Land Conservancy must come from the township.

The board felt that it is better to have a low impact right now and to use mats instead of concrete unless the course gets a lot of use.

Mr. Olson talked about funding for the project and said Mr. Mark Fogarty has been talking with the Bainbridge Civic Club for donations and he will also seek donations from other organizations or hold fund raising events such as carwashes.

Motion - Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Martin made a motion for Mr. Olson to continue working on the Eagle Scout project regarding what needs to be done with planning and funding and once that is completed and submitted to the Park Board it will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval and then the project can begin.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITY LIST

Mr. Mitchell presented a list of priority items that he would like to have completed in the Fall of 2010.

CENTERVILLE MILLS PARK

Proposed New Walkways

Mr. Mitchell explained the condition of the sidewalk alongside the Daycare Center Building and that it needs to be replaced for ADA accessibility along with improving the drainage and gutters and added that the pavilion could be improved with concrete at the same time the sidewalk is being installed.

Ms. Marianne Aardema, Director of the Aurora Co-op Preschool stated that the present walkway is treacherous and not ADA accessible for wheelchairs. She explained that every January she holds an open house at the preschool and there are a lot of grandparents attending and it has been a problem in the past for people who are in wheelchairs. She said she is hoping that along with the new walkway the drainage could be improved also.

Mr. Mitchell said the sidewalk to the dining hall needs to be replaced and it also needs to be ADA accessible. He also explained the need for a walkway to the office with an ADA ramp. Mr. Mitchell will obtain quotes and submit them to the Park Board members for approval.

Farmhouse Demo

Mr. Mitchell stated that the write-up is completed for the farmhouse demo.

HERITAGE PARK

Holiday Lights

The board discussed decorating the gazebo at the new Heritage Park. Mr. Martin explained that the Bainbridge Men's Civic Club will be decorating the gazebo but they still have to work out the details regarding the electricity.

Proposed Playground

The board discussed the proposed playground at Heritage Park. Mr. Daniel Rees, Boy Scout has expressed an interest in using it as an Eagle Scout project. The board will contact Mr. Rees regarding the status of the playground.

TOWN HALL

Proposed New Walkway

Mr. Mitchell stated that the employees of the Fiscal Office would like to have a walkway installed to their patio in the back and added that the parking lot should be expanded on that side as well. The board suggested tying the parking lot addition into the entire parking lot project.

SETTLERS PARK

Playground

Mr. Mitchell reported that there are a lot of playground vendors that the board can choose from and he already has some quotes. The board discussed using volunteers to assemble the playground and it was noted that the warranty policies should be checked if volunteers are used. Mr. Preuss suggested holding a special work session to meet with the various vendors.

OLD BUSINESS

Seabee Cadets

Mr. Mitchell submitted a list of total man-hours, materials used and costs he received from the Seabee Cadet group. It was noted that the Bainbridge Men's Civic Club donated \$2,000 and the township gave \$500 towards materials for the new roof on the Blue Room restroom. Mr. Mitchell said the township donated approximately \$5,000 in free rent, the Seabees donated their time and some money and the township donated the equipment that was used. Mr. Mitchell said the group is considering returning again next year and he will invite Lt. Don to the next park board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Daycare Center Building at Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Aurora Co-op Preschool will be removing the drinking fountain and replacing it with an ADA accessible sink and the preschool will be paying for the sink. He said he would like to install a Polypropylene counter top that the township would pay for. The board was in agreement that this should be done for better accessibility and the counter top made out of this material would last longer.

Motion - Daycare Center Building

Mr. Preuss made a motion that based on the information from the Daycare Director and the Property Superintendent the Aurora Co-op Preschool will purchase and install the sink and faucet at the Daycare Center Building and a Polypropylene counter top for better accessibility and long lasting use will be installed there by the township at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OVER-SEEDING

Mr. Mitchell explained that he would like to start over-seeding and is asking for volunteers and he is going to start aerating this week.

NEW FIELD AT CENTERVILLE MILLS PARK

Mr. Mitchell reported on the new field that is being installed at Centerville Mills Park. He said it is roughed in and he is obtaining quotes to have it over-seeded.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITY LIST

The board discussed the priority list submitted by Mr. Mitchell and was in agreement that the sidewalks at Centerville Mills Park along with the pavilion, the farmhouse demolition and the over-seeding should be done right away and the chemical bathrooms and waterline should be done early in 2011.

Motion - Property Superintendent's Priority List

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the following projects for the Fall of 2010 in the Parks:

Walkways at Centerville Mills
Farmhouse Demo
Concrete in Pavilion at Centerville Mills
Over seeding if time is available

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Motion - Chemical Bathrooms

_____ Mr. Jones made a motion that in view of setting priorities and time-lines the major priority for the first half of 2011 is the construction of the chemical toilets with completion by April 15, 2011 and in conjunction with this the waterline needs to be in place for hygiene and safety issues which was stated in the Bainbridge Park Board meeting minutes of August 18, 2010.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Preuss mentioned that there are buildings at Centerville Mills Park that need to be closed in so that they can be used for secure equipment storage for the parks and the road department. He also said the air system in the dining all needs to be addressed so there is more ventilation in the summer months.

Mr. Mitchell explained the drainage situation at Settlers Park and that the road department cut the berm down and it tapers into the trees now. The board discussed the location of the underground power lines at Settlers Park.

PROPOSED EVENTS COMMITTEE

The board discussed putting together an events committee at the request of the Board of Trustees and was in agreement that the committee should consist of volunteers other than the Park Board.

Motion - Events Committee

Mr. Jones made a motion that the Events Committee should be appointed by the Board of Trustees however one of the members should be a Bainbridge Township Park Board member.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

HERITAGE PARK GAZEBO

The board discussed the condition of the area around the new gazebo at Heritage Park with the exposed aggregate and was in agreement that it is not ADA accessible. It was the recommendation of the board that the area be closed off at this time to ensure the safety of the residents and to prevent potential legal issues. Mr. Sfiligoj will send the Board of Trustees a letter regarding this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mitchell explained the Senior Community Service Employment Program that is an employment service with the wages paid by the Federal Government. Cities, townships and the private sector can employ seniors, ages 55 and older in part-time positions at no cost to them with the skills and jobs matched. He said since he needs more part-time employees, he is going to pursue this program.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 17, 2010 - 7:00 P.M. at Bainbridge Town Hall