

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

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

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

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following sports group representatives were present: Jeff Bush and Steve Gratto - Kenston Baseball Association.

Mr. Jones explained the Sports Fields Use proposal to the representatives of KBA. Also discussed was which sports groups would be using which fields and the sports management committees. Mr. Jones added that the township will mow and slit seed when needed and perform basic items but over and above that will be the responsibility of the teams.

Mr. Sfiligoj commented that the parks are funded by the township's general fund and there have been complaints from the sports groups regarding the condition of the fields so Mr. Jones came up with the idea to give management back to the teams.

Mr. Gratto stated his concerns regarding people trashing the fields and being on them when they shouldn't be. He said they say they pay taxes and have a right to use the fields and it happens everyday that people get on the fields after they are dragged so he has a concern if the sports teams maintain the fields, how do you keep the public off of them.

Mr. Jones said the sports committees would be responsible for dragging the fields, setting the fees and scheduling. He said the township will collect the money for the teams and provide the scheduling software. He said the teams will have their own passwords for the software and can schedule only their own teams but can look at the others.

Mr. Gratto said that KBA will be the only group that will maintain the fields and he does not think other groups will help.

Mr. Bush added that KBA will need three fields and KCE needs them also.

Mr. Jones explained that the township capped the field use to 35 hours per week and there will be a minimum standard for field conditions.

Mr. Gratto said that if KBA maintains the baseball fields, other people will not be using them. He expressed his concerns regarding other people using the fields and not paying for the maintenance.

Mr. Jones said that Bainbridge Township is currently paying to maintain fields for both Auburn and Bainbridge residents to use.

Mr. Gratto said there is a certain level of maintenance required for their teams and the other leagues have conflicting requirements and his concern is that no one will care about the fields.

Mr. Jones said the end venture is good playing fields for the kids and we will have a penalty system for people and/or teams that abuse them.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 16, 2009 as written.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

## **PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The board held a discussion regarding scheduling with Mr. Mitchell and discussed the Stadium Roar software. Mr. Mitchell asked the board to review the conservation easement agreement at Centerville Mills Park regarding the footprint. The board also discussed the landscaping, fertilization and the bathrooms at Centerville Mills Park.

### **Auction**

Mr. Mitchell reported on the recent auction that was held at Centerville Mills Park and the items sold and noted that none of the cabins sold. The board discussed the remaining cabins regarding removing or recycling them.

### **Scouts**

Mr. Mitchell reported on a scout from Troop 360 who is performing volunteer work at Centerville Mills Park.

### **Swimming Pool**

Mr. Mitchell reported that the swimming pool at Centerville Mills Park has been demolished.

### **Thirties Cabins**

Mr. Mitchell suggested that the thirties cabins be turned into family cabins. He said they do not have bathrooms but could be rented for \$75.00 per night and increased to \$150.00 per night if they are fixed up.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Park Board

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