

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

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

Mr. Sfiligoj called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David Mitchell reported on his office relocation to the lower level of the town hall, the plowing schedule, bookings at Centerville Mills Park for 2010, capital improvements for the parks, budget, ballfield improvements, cabins and the new proposed playground at Settlers Park. He said there were no problems or issues to report.

SPORTS FIELD PROPOSAL UPDATE

Mr. Sfiligoj stated that the sports groups have been invited to this meeting to discuss fields, scheduling, the revised proposal and the proposed new rates for 2010. Sports groups representatives present were: Mr. Gary Van Winkle and Mr. Jeff Hoefler, Lacrosse; Ms. Jennifer Holzheimer, Kenston Community Education; Mr. Bill Astalos, Kenston Futbol; and Mr. Norm Trepal, Church Baseball Leagues.

Mr. Sfiligoj explained that the Park Board needs more time to work out the proposal regarding field maintenance and scheduling so the procedure from last year will remain the same for this year with the overall maintenance and improvements of the fields such as lining the fields etc. falling back onto the township, however there will be an increase in fees from last year.

The board discussed the general recommendations such as a \$500.00 deposit will be required from each team for each season and there will be a litter clean-up charge of \$50.00 per hour. The Police Department will also be enforcing the Fire Lane violations.

A discussion was held with the representatives regarding scheduling and the time intervals between games. There was a concern by some that referees are hired and will have to be paid to sit and wait between games if a one hour interval is required. Also discussed was the township clean-up days in June whereby games at Settlers Park should not be scheduled during that time. The scheduling process was discussed and it was decided that Mr. Mitchell will hold a meeting with all of the representatives in January to work out the scheduling issues and some were concerned because their league schedules don't come out until March and April. Traffic, parking, safety, fire lanes and the need for an emergency access was also discussed.

The board discussed the current fee schedule of \$15.00 per hour for the sports fields and \$20.00 per hour for the baseball fields and the proposed increase to \$40.00 per hour if the township is going to continue taking care of the fields. It was noted that the township has a budget for the parks not just the sports fields. The representatives expressed concerns regarding the increased rates. Ms. Holzheimer said that Auburn is taking steps to build some fields but it could take a few years. She also expressed that people are passionate about their sports and they will volunteer to do the lining of the fields and she does not want her programs to burden the taxpayers especially the seniors but she wants to protect her families. More discussion followed regarding rates, self-policing, volunteers and scheduling.

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Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 18, 2009 as written.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Term Limits

The board noted that the term limits for four of the board members will be expiring.

Mr. Martin made a motion to recommended to the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees that Marty Sfiligoj, David Jones, Linda Spiros and Mitch Fakadej be re-appointed to the Bainbridge Township Park Board for a three year term commencing on January 1, 2010.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The board discussed expenses related to the parks and the budget. Mr. Markley, township trustee thanked the board for all of their hard work over this past year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 20, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.