

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Members Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Mitch Fakadej; David Jones; Linda Spiros; 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. Jeff Markley, Township Trustee  
Mr. Daniel Rees, Scout  
Mr. Jason Bednar, KCE Representative from Bainbridge Township  
Mr. Greg Marthe, KCE Representative from Bainbridge Township

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Daniel Rees met with the board to discuss his potential Eagle Scout Project. He stated that he has met with the Heritage Park Committee and previously with the Park Board in August of 2010. The board explained that the playground project at Heritage Park was determined to be too large for an Eagle Scout project and suggested that he review the list of proposed projects and meet with Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Jason Bednar, KCE Representative from Bainbridge Township stated that Ms. Jennifer Holzheimer, KCE Director will be presenting a proposal to the KCE Board at the next meeting to be held on February 22, 2011. The board acknowledged that Kenston Baseball Association and the Football group will not be using the Bainbridge Township fields this season.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated January 19, 2011 as written.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

**PARKS & PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Proposed Playgrounds**

Mr. Mitchell reported that he is reviewing the playground vendors and would like the board's opinion on the ones for Heritage and Settlers Parks. The board reviewed the playgrounds that Mr. Mitchell recommended and noted that the playground at Heritage Park is to be more rustic with no bright colors. The board was in agreement for Mr. Mitchell to proceed with the two playgrounds he has chosen, the one for Heritage from Playtime and the one for Settlers from Miracle.

## Eagle Scout Project List

Mr. Mitchell submitted a list of Scout projects to the board and noted that they are not listed as Eagle Scout projects but each scout can choose a project from the list that would qualify for an Eagle Scout project. The board agreed that when the project is approved by the scout's unit that he then meet with Mr. Mitchell and the Park Board.

## Chemical Bathrooms

Mr. Mitchell reported that only one company will be able to retrofit a chemical bathroom inside the pavilion at River Road Park and that is Romtec and it will sit on its own at Settlers Park. He noted that this is the same chemical toilet that is located at the Frohring Meadows Park on Savage Road.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees authorized a purchase order in the amount of \$16,000 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities and that an Events Committee is being formed. He noted that he is still seeking a representative from the Park Board and Men's Civic Club for the Events Committee.

## Frisbee Golf

Mr. Mitchell reported on the Eagle Scout Project of Frisbee (Disc) Golf at Centerville Mills Park that was initiated by Mr. Matt Olson and that all of the paperwork is completed and approval was granted by the Land Conservancy.

## Part-Time Help

Mr. Mitchell said he will be asking for part-time (seasonal) help for field maintenance at the parks.

## Proposed Re-Zoning of Bainbridge Township Parks

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Bainbridge Township Zoning Commission has initiated a proposed amendment to re-zone River Road Park and Centerville Mills Park to Passive and Active Public Park Districts. He expressed his concerns for the re-zoning at Centerville Mills Park because there are conservation easements already in place and it will be a road-block for someone purchasing the property in the future. Mr. Markley stated that the proposed re-zoning is to identify which properties are being used as passive and active parks.

Proposed Cell Phone Tower

The board discussed the request to install a cell phone tower at Centerville Mills Park. A decision has not been made yet regarding the proposed tower.

Kenston Community Education

Mr. Jason Bednar and Mr. Greg Marthe, KCE Representatives from Bainbridge Township met with the board to discuss KCE issues. It was noted that all fees owed to the township by KCE have been paid. Also discussed were the fees being charged by the township, costs to the township to maintain the fields and the recommendation by the park board two years ago. Ms. Spiros stated that Kenston Schools uses households instead of population and noted that there are 7,600 households within the district but only 25% of those households have children in the school system, so only 25% of those households are using the sports fields. It was discussed that Auburn will be providing fields at Cathan's Farm in 2012 but they will only be cutting the grass and plowing the snow so KCE will be taking on the rest of the responsibilities. It was also noted that KCE is creating more groups than there are fields and they are expanding too fast and there has been no attempt to control the number of teams. Mr. Bednar stated that all of the pigtail leagues are at the old Auburn School, there is some use at the Chagrin fields and St. Joans but the Bainbridge fields are the main ones. Mr. Markley stated that the township's obligation is to make sure the fields are safe.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Park Board

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 16, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. at Bainbridge Town Hall**