

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

Members Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; David Jones; Dennis Martin; Henri Preuss; 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. Jason Bednar, KCE Representative from Bainbridge Township
Ms. Jane Edwards, KCE Representative from Bainbridge Township
Mr. Ted Seliga, Resident

MINUTES

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated February 16, 2011 as written.

Mr. Whaley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Seliga asked for a quick synopsis regarding the proposal from KCE on scheduling the sports' fields. Mr. Sfiligoj explained that it has been approved by KCE but not by the Board of Trustees or the Prosecutor's Office yet.

PARKS & PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

"Welcome to Bainbridge Township" Signs

The board discussed the "Welcome to Bainbridge Township" signs and whose responsibility it is to maintain them. Mr. Mitchell stated that the responsibility has been his and he has already repaired one of them.

Projects

Mr. Mitchell reported on the proposed projects for the parks such as landscaping, over-seeding at River Road and Settlers Parks, landscaping stone and rocks for the River Road Park islands and water run-off. He also reported on the water system at Centerville Mills Park.

Special Events Committee

Mr. Mitchell reported that a Special Events Committee has been formed with seven members. The fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd this year and everything is setup and running for the event.

General Maintenance

Mr. Mitchell explained the flooding problem at the town hall and that a trench was dug to minimize the flooding. He reported on the damage to both of the soccer fields (mainly on the west field) at Settlers Park and that someone kicked the sign out of the frame. He asked the board members to stop at the park to look at the damage.

Eagle Scout Projects

The board discussed the proposed Eagle Scout projects with Mr. Mitchell and was in agreement that the Scouts should make their project presentations to the Park Board. It was also noted that Mr. Matt Olson will be holding a fund raiser for his Eagle Scout Project.

Chemical Bathrooms

Mr. Mitchell stated that he is working on getting the chemical bathrooms installed this year.

Playgrounds

Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Markley would like to revisit the playground vendors regarding the playground at Settlers Park.

Fishing at Centerville Mills Park Lake

The board discussed permitting fishing at the lake again this year. Mr. Mitchell explained that since the non-resident crowd grew and grew he would recommend resident only fishing if it is to resume this year.

KCE FIELDS PROPOSAL

Kenston Community Education

Ms. Jane Edwards and Mr. Greg Marthe, KCE Representatives from Bainbridge Township met with the board to discuss the KCE proposal which is a Parks Use Agreement between Auburn Bainbridge Joint Recreational Board and Bainbridge Township. The purpose of the agreement states that it is to 1. Define operational and maintenance responsibilities; 2. Identify responsibility for costs, and; 3. Identify a process to provide improvements and upgrades.

The board reviewed the proposal that will transfer all field scheduling and maintenance to KCE. Mr. Bednar explained that KCE will work with the township to ensure a smooth transition. The township will still have the right to supercede if a big event is scheduled so township activities will take precedence. The Properties Superintendent would still have the option to close the fields because of condition and/or inclement weather. The park board was in agreement to not recommend having KCE schedule any township buildings at this time. Other items discussed were having rules/guidelines for when fields are damaged, use by residents and non-residents and the cut-off for field use should be November 1st instead of November 15th to allow time for aeration, fertilization and seeding for next year. It was suggested that during tournament games, anyone providing the concessions must remove all garbage generated from that concession, nothing is to be left at the park and costs could be added in the entry fees for tournaments to cover garbage removal etc. and that each coach should be responsible for his or her team regarding cleanup. It was also noted that in the proposal an item on Page 3 should be corrected to read "River Road - Pavilion and 2 all purpose fields instead of 3. Also discussed was that time needs to be given between games when they are scheduled and a process needs to be incorporated in the document regarding disputes.

A discussion regarding Auburn Township took place and it was noted that KCE will be scheduling their fields as well.

The park board members will review the proposal and forward their comments/recommendations to Ms. Jennifer Holzheimer, KCE Director.

Motion - Parks Use Agreement Between Auburn Bainbridge Joint Recreational Board and Bainbridge Township

Mr. Jones made a motion that the park board accepts the philosophical basis of the proposal presented by KCE subject to the changes discussed being included in the final documentation.

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 20, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. at Bainbridge Town Hall