

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2010

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

Guests: Dale Olson, Scouts
Karl Kuckelheim, Historical Society

Mr. Sfiligoj called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scouts

Mr. Dale Olson met with the board regarding the use of the Log Cabin and the Nature Cabin at Centerville Mills Park for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Mr. Olson stated that everyone is 100% for it and he would be the liaison with the Scouts and they could fix up the buildings within reason except for any roof work. He suggested a five year agreement with the township and added that the Scouts would schedule the buildings among themselves. The board felt that the buildings should be available to the public when the Scouts are not using them. Mr. Olson said they would like to start fixing up the buildings and utilizing them within the next six months. The board noted that Mr. Mitchell will determine what needs to be fixed up and the work should be standardized between the Cadets and the Scouts.

Mr. Preuss made a motion that the Park Board entertain allowing the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts the use of two cabins, the Log Cabin and Nature Cabin and they will in effect give the board some kind of plans as to what they are going to do with the two cabins which will be worked out mutually between Property Superintendent David Mitchell and Scout Leader Dale Olson.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Fakadej, aye; Mr. Jones, aye; Mr. Martin, aye; Mr. Preuss, aye; Mr. Sfiligoj, aye; Ms. Spiros, abstain; Mr. Whaley, aye.

Ms. Spiros stated the reason she abstained is because she would like to have additional information from the Girl Scouts.

Mr. Preuss suggested that a Girl Scout leader attend a Park Board meeting with Mr. Olson to discuss their needs.

Frisbee Golf

Mr. Olson talked with the board about starting Frisbee Golf at Centerville Mills Park. The board discussed funding and noted that the conservancy area cannot be violated with the Frisbee Golf course. Also discussed was protecting the rustic look and carefulness to not affect the cross country skiers. Mr. Mitchell will get more information about the layout and path. Mr. Preuss suggested talking to KCE about sponsoring a class or league. Mr. Olson said he will begin working on it and will get in touch with Mr. Tom Keck.

Veteran's Memorial Park

The Park Board was asked to look at the design for the war memorial from Sheffield Monuments. It was discussed that a lot of veterans don't want foreign granite and because it is black the letters cannot be seen when it rains. Mr. Karl Kuckelheim of the Bainbridge Township Historical Society suggested taking time to make a decision and not make a mistake. He noted that the foundation has already been poured for the memorial and updated the board on the Bissell House. The board discussed suggesting to the trustees that a boulder or rock from Bainbridge Township or the Western Reserve area be used instead of black granite for the memorial. The board also talked about dedicating a room in the Bissell House whereby the veteran's names could be displayed versus engraving the names on the memorial stone and the appointment of a sub-committee to the Park Board by the trustees if they are going to put names on the memorial. Mr. Kuckelheim volunteered to visit the VFW for more information. Mr. Jones said due to the difficulty to visualize what this area is going to look like and to maintain the integrity and quality of this memorial for the veterans we would be better suited waiting until those things are completed or near completion and then have a full review of what could be done and we need to listen to the sensitivity of the veterans and the importance that it represents.

Mr. Jones made the following motion:

The Park Board recommends that the design and construction on the Memorial Park be delayed until the completion of the house and rail station to allow the true perspective of placement can be considered. Further, that the design of the monument and surrounds should be reviewed by a committee that represents the majority of relevant groups in the Township.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated February 17, 2010.

Mr. Whaley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mitchell met with the board and submitted photos of damaged fields at River Road Park from football and Lacrosse. He also noted that the curtain drain at Settlers Park doesn't drain anywhere since the cemetery road was installed. He submitted his job description to the board and mentioned the Geauga County On-Line Auction.

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Mr. Sfiligoj suggested meeting at River Road Park for the next meeting in April and Settlers Park in May. The board was in agreement to meet at River Road Park on April 21, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Fishing at Centerville Mills Park

The board discussed that since fishing will be prohibited at the park this year signs should be posted on all four sides of the lake and at the entrance to the park and enforcement policies need to be put in place. Mr. Sfiligoj will contact Trustee Markley regarding the signs and enforcement policies.

Cadets

Mr. Martin reported that the Cadets worked at the Civic Club Pancake Breakfast and they did a great job and were courteous, very efficient and professional.

OLD BUSINESS

Landscape Bids

Mr. Preuss reported on the Landscape Bids but they have not been awarded by the trustees yet.

Centerville Mills Park Bathroom Bids

The board noted that the Centerville Mills Park bathrooms are out for bid.

Chemical Toilets

The board discussed the proposed chemical toilets and was in agreement to table it to the next regularly scheduled meeting in April.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The board discussed the proposed township organizational plan, field use, chemical toilets, storage and concession stand at River Road Park, sports groups and the playground at Settlers Park.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 21, 2010 - 7:00 P.M. at River Road Park