

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2009

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

Mr. Sfiligoj called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenston Futbol Club

Mr. Al Marra of the Kenston Futbol Club and Mr. Bill Astalos, Field Coordinator for the club were present to discuss the condition of the soccer fields. Mr. Marra stated that the fields have not been up to par and they have been worse since the Lacrosse teams are using them. He added that KFC has donated money for re-seeding these fields and it was not done. He said other communities have very nice fields and he and Mr. Astalos are here to voice their concerns on behalf of the club. Mr. Astalos said they have tried to be good stewards of the fields and asked what it will take to bring all of the entities together but it can't be an option to shut down the fields.

The board discussed the fact that Kenston Schools was given permission to use the township fields only until the high school was completed but they are still using the fields and that will have to be addressed.

Mr. Marra asked if anyone has done a capacity study and that rolling the fields would help.

Mr. Astalos said under Mr. Bob Ford's supervision the fields did improve and added that KFC is trying to be proactive and a plan should be implemented.

The board discussed that Bainbridge Township only has so many fields and the sports groups include Auburn residents as well. Also mentioned was charging each sport's group a deposit of, for example, \$1,000 and if damage is done, it comes out of their deposit. The board also noted that the parks are for other uses and not just sports. It was suggested that sports specific groups form committees to address their issues and future use of fields. The board was in agreement to continue this discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

Mr. Preuss made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 18, 2009 as amended.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David Mitchell reported that the parks are getting more and more dog walkers and talked about the field conditions. He said the Bainbridge Township parks are being compared to city parks such as Aurora, Mantua and Twinsburg that charge \$45.00 - \$60.00 per hour, not \$15.00 per hour.

OLD BUSINESS

Auction

The board discussed the proposed auction. Mr. Sfiligoj will send an e-mail to Mr. Michael Joyce, Township Administrator regarding the Park Board's proposal.

July Fourth Celebration

It was noted that the July Fourth Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 5th this year and that Mr. Frank Lanza, resident, has volunteered to raise \$7,500.00 for the event.

Proposed By-Laws

The board members reviewed the proposed By-Laws and held a discussion regarding same and were in agreement to table the discussion until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Sfiligoj asked the members to bring their ideas to the next meeting regarding the By-Laws and Sports Fields usage and condition.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.