

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2011**

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

Mr. Sfiligoj, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Guest: Mr. Ted Seliga, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Preuss stated his concerns regarding the recent damage to the fields at Settlers and River Road Parks and suggested that metal fence stakes be installed to deter people from entering the fields and added that the Park Board along with Mr. Mitchell needs to come up with a plan to save the fields.

MINUTES

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

Mr. Preuss seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Security at the Parks

The board discussed installing security cameras at the parks and the need for all of the fields to be secured. Mr. Mitchell will ask the Police Department to close the gates to the parks at dusk and open them at 7:00 AM. Mr. Fakadej volunteered to stop in at Settlers Park on a regular basis. Mr. Mitchell recommended closing Settlers Park and River Road Park in the winter and only leaving Centerville Mills Park open for cross-country skiing, sled riding etc.

Mr. Seliga asked if there is an Ohio Recreation Board or Association and suggested joining if there is one because they might have some useful information regarding parks.

PARKS & PROPERTIES SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mitchell reported that Ms. Linda Spiros will be submitting an article to the Spirit of Bainbridge on the dog training that was recently held at Centerville Mills Park and applauded Ms. Spiros for her work on the Park Board articles. He said the rocks were installed at River Road Park and the over-seeding has been completed at all of the parks but it has been too wet to mow. He submitted a proposed budget for 2011 to the board in the amount of \$437,761.42 along with a list of items he will be discussing with the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

The board discussed the budget, capital improvements and salaries. Mr. Preuss suggested hiring a seasonal person for 500 hours during the busy season. The board also discussed what KCE has paid in the past. Mr. Mitchell stated that KCE will be paying \$15,000 this year per the agreement so when the money is used up there will be no more over-seeding done etc. Mr. Seliga explained that townships only have to provide for zoning, administration and cemeteries and they do not have to supply parks so the entire burden may have to be shifted to the users such as “pay to play”. Mr. Mitchell stated that the parks/properties need \$400,000 to operate. The park board was in general agreement to support the budget as presented.

Motion - 2011 Parks and Properties Budget

Mr. Preuss made a motion that the Park Board recommends the current proposal being submitted to the Board of Trustees for the 2011 budget in the amount of \$437,761.42.

Mr. Fakadej seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2011 Fishing Passes

Mr. Mitchell presented the proposed 2011 fishing pass fee structure as follows:

Residents

Family Pass - \$20.00

Single Pass - \$15.00

Non-Residents

Family Pass - \$65.00

Single Pass - \$50.00

Residents over the age of 65 - \$5.00

A Family Pass is considered to be either four people and/or immediate family only.

Motion - Fishing Passes at Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Preuss made a motion that the Park Board recommends to the Board of Trustees the season pass structure for Fishing at Centerville Mills Park, presented by the Park Superintendent, for the 2011 season.

Mr. Fakadej seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Lakeside Center Contract

Mr. Mitchell reported that Dance Image will be leaving but a new group, Spirit Heal Institute, will be leasing the Lakeside Center for a two year contract.

KCE Field Scheduling Agreement

Mr. Mitchell stated that the final KCE agreement is back from the Prosecutor's Office and he will ask the Board of Trustees to approve it at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

KCE Storage Contract

Mr. Mitchell said the Prosecutor's Office approved the contract between Bainbridge Township and KCE for the purpose of storing equipment at the River Road Park pavilion.

Snow Blower Purchase

Mr. Mitchell reported that he has submitted a purchase order in the amount of \$2,795.56, for a snow blower to be used at the Police Department and the sidewalk in front of the Kenston Schools, to be approved by the Board of Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Playgrounds

Mr. Mitchell reported that he is waiting for some information from Mr. Markley regarding the playgrounds for Settlers and Heritage Parks.

Chemical Bathrooms

Mr. Mitchell reported that he is working on the chemical bathrooms.

Scout Projects

Mr. Sfiligoj reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Dale Olson regarding his son's fund raising project for his Eagle Scout Project (Frisbee Golf) at Centerville Mills Park and that more work still needs to be done. The board discussed the proposed scout projects and was in agreement that it is the responsibility of the scout.

Cabin Removal

Mr. Mitchell reported on the cabin removal at Centerville Mills Park.

Additional Fields

The board discussed additional fields and noted that KCE is helping Auburn Township with the creation of their fields and reiterated the importance of having safe fields.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Location Change

The board was in agreement to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting in May at River Road Park.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M. at RIVER ROAD PARK