

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 16, 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

Mr. Sfiligoj called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. at Settlers Park.

MINUTES

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated May 19, 2010 as written.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

July 4th Committee

Mr. Preuss and Mr. Whaley who are members of the July 4th Committee reported that Mr. Frank Lanza has raised \$7,000 for the event and the Civic Club will be selling burgers, hot dogs and pop. They also gave an update on the Heritage Park Committee.

Proposed Archery at Centerville Mills Park

Ms. Andrea Hauserman met with the board to discuss a proposal to reinstate archery at Centerville Mills Park. She stated that there are five local families that are interested, her son belongs to a 4-H club named Geauga County Coyotes Archery and Shooting Club and they also have the support of the Scouts. She said they shoot inside at the fairgrounds in the winter and at Punderson in the summer but would like a closer place to practice and noted that Punderson has a professional range. She said they would like to use the targets and bows that the township already owns and the location could be the field to the north side of the pond along Route 306 but they would like permanent targets built and can research the cost and execution of the project. She said the maintenance department could mow the field to define the area devoted to archery and there should not be anyone walking in that vicinity because anyone entering the archery range would do so from the road, from the parking lot or from along the pond so it doesn't seem like there would be a liability. She presented the board with a letter and submitted a list of interested residents.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the township's targets were taken down last year and they are not suitable for compound bows and the range was not designed for them.

The board held a discussion about the proposal and was in agreement to seriously look at it but with controlled hours, condition and upkeep, what type of equipment would be used, age limits, parental supervision, fees and waivers before presenting it to the township trustees for final approval.

Mr. Jones suggested that Ms. Hauserman initiate an archery club or association with other interested residents that would share in the planning and cost of a continuing program at Centerville Mills Park. He volunteered to write a letter to Ms. Hauserman on behalf of the Park Board thanking her for her interest and that the Park Board will look forward to more discussions with her group.

Mr. Mitchell will research the pros and cons of an archery range at Centerville Mills Park.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Proposed Movie Production at Centerville Mills Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that he spoke with the township trustees about the student's request to hold a movie production at Centerville Mills Park and they approved the request but it cannot interfere with the other groups using the park. They will not be using very much electricity and there will be no people with fake blood or fake weapons because of the dog walkers. He said they will have their own liability insurance and noted that he talked to the Police Department but no dates have been set yet, they are looking to do this in July and would prefer a full moon. The student's name is Brendan Gilday and he is a Bainbridge Township resident.

Scouts

Mr. Mitchell noted that he has not heard anything from the Scouts yet regarding the use of the cabins at Centerville Mills Park.

Seabee Cadets

Mr. Mitchell reported on the construction projects to be done by the Seabee Cadets at Centerville Mills Park.

Summer Help

Mr. Mitchell reported that he will be advertising for summer help for the parks.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Bathrooms at River Road Park

The board discussed the installation of chemical bathrooms versus regular bathrooms at River Road Park and the pros and cons of each. Mr. Mitchell will research the costs of regular bathrooms with sewer and running water and Mr. Preuss and Ms. Spiros will provide an update on the costs of chemical toilets.

Playground at Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell reported on the condition of the playground at Settlers Park. The board discussed that if it is added onto or modified there could be liability issues and that the playground at the former Kenston Early Learning Center had to be removed but it was newer than the playground at Settlers Park. The board was in agreement to notify the township trustees that the Settlers Park playground should be replaced and because of the high level of usage, there should be limited down time.

Frisbee Golf

Mr. Mitchell reported that he received a call from Mr. Mike Olson and the pins have already been put in place for the Frisbee Golf course at Centerville Mills Park. The board discussed that he was supposed to come to the Park Board with a diagram and give a full presentation. Mr. Sfiligoj suggested that Mr. Olson send an electronic version to the Park Board members to make sure it does not go into the conservation easement area. Mr. Mitchell will notify Mr. Olson that the board will accept an electronic version of the course but he will still have to come in and give a formal presentation.

Proposed Dog Park

The board discussed the proposed Dog Park at Centerville Mills Park and the possible costs to implement and maintain. Mr. Jones will continue to research the dog park process regarding rules, regulations and costs.

Additional Fields

The board discussed the possibility of creating another field at River Road Park and that dirt may be able to be obtained from an adjacent property. The board was in agreement to consult with the township trustees first before any preparation work is done.

MEETING DATE & LOCATION CHANGE

The board was in agreement to change the date of next month's meeting to July 14, 2010 originally scheduled for July 21, 2010 and to meet at River Road Park at the regular time of 7:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: July 14, 2010 - 7:00 P.M. at River Road Park

