

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2009

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

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

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Norm Trepal talked to the board regarding the church league teams because he is concerned that not all of the members are Auburn and Bainbridge residents since the parishioners are from the entire area. Mr. Preuss stated that the sub-committee will be meeting about this and Mr. Jones added that there will be an appeal process. Mr. Trepal said they run their league through KCE for insurance purposes.

Trustee White reported that she had heard a discussion that the township might close the Centerville Mills Park lake down next year and added that a resident had complained to the Board of Trustees that the township should provide free fishing permits to seniors and residents. She stated that the State Auditor ruled that townships may not give any discounts to anyone, even employees and she wants the Park Board to make a decision on this.

Mr. Mitchell explained that he had talked about shutting down the lake for a year or a season so the lake can recover and it could be a one year recovery period.

Trustee White noted that the county is taking fish out of Kenston Lake and will be making some available for the CVM Park lake.

The board discussed closing the lake because there is no ability to police it at this time and the fishing has been abused.

Mr. Mitchell said it has gotten out of hand so with the rest period he is hoping it will make a comeback and he would hate to see the township give up on it. Having more part-time people on the weekends to monitor the fishing was also discussed.

Mr. Jones suggested that there could be a moratorium placed on the fishing for environmental reasons and then it would be a trespassing issue.

Ms. White questioned the order for the fish and why they were ordered when there is a possibility that there will be no fishing next year and asked why it was not forwarded to the Park Board when there is a \$300.00 purchase limitation in place and the board needs to discuss if that condition needs to be rescinded. It was noted that the deadline to order fish from the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District ends on September 24th so a decision has to be made at the next meeting.

The board was in agreement to table this until the next meeting in order to obtain more information regarding lake management, a contingency plan for security and the senior citizen request along with possible new rates.

PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Scouts

Mr. Mitchell reported on the proposal regarding the scouts groups using Centerville Mills buildings for all of their activities. He said this proposal will take the scouts out of the Burns/Lindow Building and the town hall because they can use the optimist lodge and the log cabin and they can take care of those buildings as well. He said the buildings will be their buildings and they can work out their own schedules. He added that Mr. Dale Olson is the key person of the scouts and added that Mr. Olson will prepare a proposal and present it to the Park Board.

Mr. Sfilogoj suggested that the management for this project could be an Eagle Scout project.

Playground at Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell reported that Mr. Ford had a proposal to replace the playground at Settlers Park but he is getting another proposal.

Mr. Preuss stated that it was installed many years ago and with the damage from the woodpeckers, it is slowly approaching a danger zone and added that it was used a lot and has paid for itself.

Fall Sports

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Fall sports have started.

Auction

Mr. Mitchell reported that he has spoken to an auction company and he wants to get it set up and started and he is waiting to hear from the Fire Chief and Police Chief on what they want to sell. He added that he has had a huge response over the cabin sale and one woman wants all of them.

Safety Town

Mr. Mitchell stated that the buildings for Safety Town are deplorable and could be a scout project this winter and added that they are all stored at Centerville Mills Park. Mr. Jones said that the Police Department agreed for the scouts to take the project.

Frisbee Golf

Mr. Mitchell stated that he has a proposal for Frisbee Golf at Centerville Mills Park. Mr. Preuss suggested contacting the City of Euclid Rec Department for more information because they have it there.

OLD BUSINESS

CVM Pool Demolition

Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Steve Ciciretto, Township Projects Manager prepared the bid documents and they are ready to go out.

Chemical Bathrooms

The board discussed the proposed chemical bathrooms and locations for them. Mr. Jones stated that the board could go ahead with a couple of them at River Road Park and one at Settlers Park. Trustee White said that chemical toilets are the way to go and make more sense than sewers. She reported on the meeting with the budget commission and the board needs to move ahead with these and come forward now while the money is being allocated.

Mr. Preuss suggested that a water line should be brought into River Road Park for a drinking fountain and to water the fields. Trustee White said the township would have to pay a monthly water bill to the county. Also discussed was the replacing of the blue room at Centerville Mills Park with a chemical bathroom. An approximate cost of \$23,000 for a two unit and \$40,000 for a four unit was discussed. Mr. Preuss stated that the sites for these bathrooms need to be excavated for a pre-cast holding tank from the vendor, they will need to be back-filled and compacted and added that they must be power washed once a week. Mr. Preuss and Ms Spiros will gather more information so a presentation can be made to the trustees and the road department will be asked for their thoughts on the excavation portion of it. The board members were reminded that a chemical bathroom is located at Frohring Meadows. It was noted that chemical bathrooms were on the township trustee agenda for August 24, 2009.

Parking Lot Striping

Mr. Mitchell reported on the parking lot striping at River Road Park.

SPORTS CONDITION AND FIELD USE MANAGEMENT

The board discussed having another meeting with the sports groups and was in agreement to set the date for the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held September 19, 2009. Mr. Sfiligoj will draft a letter and notify all sports groups. The sub-committee will meet prior to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Events Sub-Committee

Mr. Preuss suggested that a sub-committee for events be formed by the trustees and it would be a separate committee from the Park Board. The events committee could be comprised of representatives from all of the civic groups such as the Civic Club, Women's Club, Scouts, Chamber of Commerce and Seniors that would plan events to be held at the existing parks and proposed pavilion.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board was in agreement to discuss adding additional fields and the Veterans' park fields at the October meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 16, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.