

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2008**

Present: Marty Sfiligoj, Chairman; Henri Preuss, Vice Chairman; Mitch Fakadej; David Jones; Dennis Martin; Linda Spiros; Clyde Whaley; Bob Ford, Parks Manager and David Mitchell, CVM Property Manager

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

MINUTES

Mr. Whaley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 9, 2008 as written.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PARK MANAGER'S REPORTS

Mr. David Mitchell presented the July 2008 report for Centerville Mills Park. He reported on the Juvenile Delinquent Work Program from Geauga County and noted that the Dining Hall was almost completely stained and they are working on the windows. He described the work on the chapel trail and reported on the tree limb that took down an electric line. He said that the REACT group will be looking at the dispensary building for future use and that Safety Town will be storing their cars, signs and houses in Cabin 20. He reported on the general maintenance that has been performed at CVM Park and reviewed the monthly receipts and expenditures and revenue from the rentals and the white house rental.

Mr. Bob Ford presented the July 2008 report for River Road and Settlers parks. He reported on the July 4th fireworks and that the Civic Club did a great job cleaning up. He noted that baseball and lacrosse season is over and there were 665 events at Settlers, River Road and Bainbridge School with adults and children participating. He said activity is increasing every year at the parks and he is getting ready for the fall sports season.

Proposed Rate Increases

The board discussed the recent rate increases at Centerville Mills Park and the proposed rate increases for Settlers and River Road parks for athletic fields and the pavilions. Mr. Ford will research other communities regarding their rates. Daily rates were also discussed, what the rates are now and what would be a fair assessment for next year including the pavilions.

OLD BUSINESS

General Parks Re-Organization Discussion

Mr. Sfiligoj stated that the Park Board is operating in a transition or moratorium phase and the township trustees approved the consolidation of the three positions. He referred to the 24 point version of the job description and one item that has not been approved yet is Mr. Markley's idea of including all of the township facilities such as the Police Department, Fire Department and Road Department as part of the Property Superintendent's maintenance duties.

The board discussed the role of the Park board while the position is being filled, what kind of short term and long term plans the Park Board will be involved in and to have a clear mission statement and a set of by-laws.

The board talked about the job description and the qualifications needed for the Property Superintendent and the idea of a possible consultant to identify the three current job positions. Also discussed was obtaining information from other communities in the area regarding their park operations. Items to consider will be demographics, population, budgets and how their parks are managed. Ms. Spiros and Mr. Sfiligoj volunteered to work on this.

Donations to the Parks

The board discussed donations and was in agreement that it was up to the donor to establish the price of the donation.

Meeting Schedule

The board was in agreement to meet at its regular time on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Park Board

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2008 - 7:00 P.M. - Bainbridge Town Hall