

**BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

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

Mr. Sfiligoj called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Sfiligoj introduced the Park Board members to the audience. The following sport groups representatives were present: Jeff Hoefler and Gary VanWinkle - Lacrosse; Norman Trepal, Dave Hoffman and Robert Duncan - Church Baseball League; Al Marra - Kenston Futbol; Dale Olson - Frisbee Group and Jennifer Holzheimer - Kenston Community Education.

Mr. Sfiligoj noted that not all of the sports groups were represented.

Mr. Jones gave an update on the process and explained that it gives the groups control.

The board held a question and answer session with the sports groups.

Ms. Holzheimer expressed her concerns about being limited to only two fields and her biggest concern is for the kids playing rec and not travel and she has to protect their right to play. She added that she is concerned about not having enough fields to play on and keeping the costs down for 600 kids and the power struggles that could occur. She noted that there is a field in Auburn, behind the fire station, and they are hopeful to use the fields at Gardiner and the new stadium.

Mr. Jones said there will be an overview of the process and there is an appeal process. He said the cost for play should reflect the preparation of the fields and added that it was an expectation that Mr. Mitchell would prepare the fields four days a week. He explained the hierarchy which is:



Other items discussed were the number of fields each sports group would need, cost to rent fields from other teams, condition and maintenance of fields and concerns regarding the cost to maintain the fields.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Mitchell said the groups can use township equipment to maintain their fields but not township personnel and Mr. Mitchell can train the users on the equipment.

Mr. Jones said the Prosecutor's Office is looking into the best way to collect the money. He added that the groups must tell the township by a date to be determined if they want to use the fields in 2010. He explained that the township will provide the scheduling software and all groups will be able to see all the fields that are scheduled but will only be able to schedule their own fields.

Also discussed was liability insurance, vandalism and trespassing.

Mr. Jones said if it is going to work, we all have to work together and added that the township owns the fields. He said the number one priority is the kids, and professionalism and realistic attitudes will get it done.

Ms. Holzheimer said she wants a clarification from the township trustees that she can use the township equipment.

The percentage of participants was discussed and it was noted that 80% must be Bainbridge and Auburn residents, excluding games.

Mr. Preuss reminded everyone that the Spring schedules must be submitted to the township by January 15<sup>th</sup> and the Fall schedules must be submitted to the township by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sfiligoj thanked everyone in attendance.

Mr. Mitchell thanked everyone and added a special thank you to Ms. Holzheimer for all of her help.

The board took a short recess at 8:21 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:24 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **Frisbee Golf**

Mr. Tom Keck met with the board to propose Frisbee Golf at Centerville Mills Park. He said Punderson is installing a nine-hole course and the steel baskets for this game run from \$250 - \$400 per basket.

Mr. Preuss mentioned that the City of Euclid has Frisbee Golf.

Mr. Sfiligoj said this suggestion has come up in the past but the concerns is the conservation easement that was placed on a portion of the park.

Mr. Preuss suggested working with the conservancy to determine a specific location in the park for this or a possible amendment of the easement.

Mr. Dale Olson, a representative of the Boy Scouts, stated that this could be done as an Eagle Scout project. He added that sponsors could be obtained in exchange for advertising on each tee so that it would help to pay for it and there is a professional association with knowledge of this sport that could help the township.

The board discussed the current easement on the property and was in agreement for Mr. Keck and Mr. Olson to bring a sketch or concept back to the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Scouts at Centerville Mills Park**

Mr. Dale Olson of Troop #102 met with the board to discuss the full-time use of some of the buildings such as the log cabin and nature center at CVM Park by Bainbridge and Auburn scouts. He said he did talk to other Scout Masters and Girl Scout leaders and they like the idea.

Mr. Sfiligoj suggested that the scouts put the proposal in writing along with the groups and leaders, number of children, percentage of Bainbridge and Auburn residents, traffic, exclusive use and number of meetings.

Mr. Olson said the scouts could rent the buildings out to Chagrin Falls and Solon with revenues going to the scouts but they would like to use them for a year first.

Mr. Sfiligoj said the scouts need to come in with a proposal and the board needs to know how many people are supporting it.

### **PROPERTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Mitchell reported that he had the sports fields breakdown but did not have the Fall schedules yet.

## Sale

He submitted the Barn Inventory Sale List and noted that the sale is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with a preview date of October 16<sup>th</sup>. He asked the Park Board for volunteers to help on those days. The board discussed the bidding process for the cabins and Mr. Mitchell suggested a minimum bid price of \$500.00. Mr. Mitchell said he would like the proceeds from the sale to be earmarked for Centerville Mills and added that he has had a lot of interest in the cabins.

## Landscaping

Mr. Mitchell reported on the landscaping that is being performed by Hemlock Landscaping. The board discussed the turf program, the beds, interchange and specifications for next year.

## Playground at Settlers Park

Mr. Mitchell said the playground at Settlers Park needs to be replaced and he is looking into equipment from Playworld and Playtime and there are more components with Playtime. He explained the differences between the two playgrounds. Mr. Preuss said there are two playgrounds at Settlers Park, one for the smaller children and one for the bigger children so the board needs to look at a combination for smaller and bigger children. Fall protection was also discussed such as wood chips versus rubber. The board was in agreement that it is a safety issue and needs to be replaced and it should have been included in the capital improvements money. The board asked Mr. Mitchell to check out the playgrounds from Kompan Company and the board members will visit the playgrounds at Settlers Park and River Road Park before the next meeting. Mr. Mitchell added that the kids play on the roofs of the equipment. The park board suggested putting signs up or stenciling them onto the equipment.

## Storage at River Road Park

The board discussed the equipment that is being stored in the concession stand at River Road Park. The board recommended that the items be removed and the locks changed because the area is for concession purposes only, not storage.

## Proposed Bathrooms

The board discussed the installation of chemical toilets at Settlers Park and the possibility of chemical toilets versus sewer and water at River Road Park. The board was in agreement to table any recommendation to the board of trustees until the actual costs for the chemical toilets versus sewer and water are determined. Trustee Markley stated that he would like to see a spread sheet showing a comparison on the costs for each one along with the cost of the porta-potties that are currently being used and how many years it will take to recoup the costs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Park Board

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 21, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**