

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

7:00 PM

Heritage Park

Members present: Tora Consolo, Mitch Fakadej, Hillary Henry, Jim Keszenheimer, Henri Preuss

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Keszenheimer at 7:15 at Heritage Park.

Changes to the Agenda: Access to the Bainbridge Historic Society Building was not available. The meeting was held on the benches outside the building.

Guests: None

Minutes:

Motion to approve the July 22, 2015 minutes by Tora Consolo, seconded by Henri Preuss.

Motion to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes by Henri Preuss, seconded by Mitch Fakadej.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Upon confirmation by Dave Mitchell, the Park Board is in agreement with staining of the lower paneling to reuse on the upper parts of the Centerville Mills Dining Hall.

Mr. Preuss offered to communicate this to Dave Mitchell.

Mr. Preuss reports that there has been a new truck purchased for the parks department usage.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Preuss from the Park Board, he provided the Board with some ideas that he felt to be important:

\*Use the former Nature Center building chimney at Centerville Mills in a useful manner. Trim vegetation so that a view of the lake is revealed from the chimney area.

\*Creating a handicapped access to the Dining Hall at Centerville Mills is of benefit and it now needs to be marketed.

\*Changes in the use of the Kenston School buildings will affect the parks department; fields used for specific sports may not continue into the future.

\*He recommended that special infield dirt put on the baseball field at Heritage Park and that matting be placed beneath the play equipment and covered with special (clean) mulch at River Road Park.

\*Suggested replacing Ash trees that were removed at River Road park with alternating colors of Crab Apple trees similar to the entryway to Northwoods Lake (off Bainbridge Road).

\*Mr. Preuss reported that the Service Building addition is very nice; the roads and parks departments will now be able to have 1 planning meeting rather than 2 separate meetings. Everyone but the Zoning Officer and Linda Zimmerman will be moving to the new building space. The township service trucks will be moved from town hall to the new Service Building addition.

\*Heritage Park is different from the other township parks. Settlers is used for family activities.

\*Outside groups cannot easily rent community park fields because of the manner in which they are block scheduled.

\*Feels that a great deal of money shouldn't be spent on a playground for Heritage as he feels it would not be used enough.

Ms. Consolo feels that the success that the parks have met with and the success of the band concert held in Heritage Park this summer needs to be reiterated; the township needs an active special events committee to stir things up and plan events.

Ms. Consolo feels that a splash park would be popular with residents.

Mr. Keszenheimer feels that a quality assurance questionnaire/survey should be distributed to the community to help assess how the parks are being used. The challenge will be to get a good survey sampling size.

Mr. Preuss suggests a sampling of both Auburn and Bainbridge communities in the questionnaire. The trustees of both communities could join force in distributing a questionnaire. There are methods of distributions, such as placement in the Bainbridge Library, approaching the Board of Education to distribute via email to residents in their database.

Mr. Preuss suggests the park board investigate a lighting ceremony at Heritage Park. He also would like to encourage KCE to have a program for Frisbee golf.

Discussion points/suggestions:

Vendor for hot chocolate at Centerville Mills of cross country skiing or sledding.

Involve a committee; create more visibility to draw population to the park.

The parks have provided for everyone-- not just Bainbridge Twp.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Henry

Member, Bainbridge Twp. Park Board