

**Minutes of Biddle Memorial Park Board
January 2010**

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Richard Wilson Member, Theda Anderson, Secretary, and Walt Castor Superintendent

Joe attended a local farmer's meeting and the Park may be receiving a donation. Joe also discussed our receiving a \$500.00 donation from our Township Assessor. Richard may be aware of an additional donation coming soon.

The Board reviewed income and expenses. Theda left a message for Todd Roberts and the income numbers. The yearly total was on \$2312.00. The electric was \$861.02. There was no income from the Rec Board from sign rental. We are not certain who the officers for the year are.

We reviewed information on the sale of Adams Elementary. The high bidder was "Rocky" at \$85K. We discussed possibly trying to acquire the playground equipment from the school. The school will continue to utilize the equipment until the fall of 2010.

Pavilion rent was down this year due to the Library and other venues available. The front sign did well at \$1870.00. Walt needs to letters for the sign as the old ones are becoming brittle due to weather conditions. Walt gave Happy Forbush a free week of sign rental because he did a job for us at no charge. The people who own Twin Kiss may be able to help with a company to order the letters from as they have a new sign for their business. We also owe LaPosh a free sign rental for some communication issues. Walt will handle this.

Walt went over the lawn mower problems. Darlene Myers may donate a new mower on behalf of the Biddle Foundation. We have put too much money into the old mower and we will move forward to get an estimate for a new model.

Walt asked about the Rec Board taking down the black mesh on the big diamond. He also took down an American Flag that should not have been flying due to condition issues. If a flag is flown after dark it is to have light. We had several complaints about the Rec Board flag and Walt took it down. Above and Beyond Tree Service was to be out last Friday to cut trees and never showed up. Mark Tolley was going to remove the trees free of charge. Brian Myers had already contracted Above and Beyond to take care of it. There are issues with the ground and we would prefer that we go through another hard freeze before the debris is to be removed.

Joe will talk over billing with Liz and Wanda. Kiwanis would like a sign this year. Joe would like to solicit money from the town for upkeep of the Monon trail. Kiwanis will help with the trail this year again. We still have the bike rack, sign and one trash barrel to place. No one thinks we need the bike rack. Russ made the purchases some time ago. We agreed to have the sign put up by the bench along the trail.

Key used.
Have moved
weather
pending.

We need to discuss the press box with the Rec Board that is on the little diamond. We would also like the Rec Board to move their small shed to the back of the pavilion. Theda will call Todd Roberts to discuss the issues.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Move shed to
back of pavilion

847.8348

Wait to
take scoreboard away

Hamburger Fry - 1st weekend in
- May -

- April
24th -

Sewers cleared up.

Complaints -

Back stop fence
being fixed

- Smith -

- Christy - Treasures -

Jake Catph.

Todd is now.

Call by Friday

- Rinkerberg - 758 6513 or phone list.

- 3rd Tuesday -

April 17th -
Cleanup -

My Sheridan.com

USTA Tennis Association

Biddle Memorial Park Board

February 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member, David Pitts, Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, and Walt Castor Superintendent

Minutes were read. Joe approved with a second by Richard.

Theda review the plans for the car show in June after speaking to Mr. Fox. Everyone agreed to accept the \$200.00 and have the club assist to clean the Park. The board felt it may be an option to collect funds for July 4th at the event. July 4th will be on Monday and the car show will be on Saturday June 25th.

Thursday night Richard Wilson will attend the Rec Board meeting. We feel that Jake Koepskey @710-4373 will be out contact for the season. We will need to verify opening date so we can set our date for the roadblock.

We need new ideas for July 4th. Theda suggests moving the ping pong drop earlier in the day to increase attendance. She will get in touch with Block Party Amusements from Fortville to see if they may have an interest in setting up some children's blow up items. She also suggested that maybe a group from Sheridan might be interested in a chicken noodle dinner or something along that line to increase food concessions. WE need to keep more people in the Park throughout the entire day.

Richard talked about Indy parks and their using a sort of rubber pavement under their playground equipment.

Walt will talk to Gibson's about sandblasting the donated equipment. We need to get it in place if we are planning to use it this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Minutes Biddle Memorial Park Board
March 30, 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Robert Young Member, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member, Brian Myers Guest Biddle Memorial Foundation , Connie Pearson Guest Sheridan Town Council

Brian Myers opened the meeting discussing the sale of Biddle Components to a firm from Ohio. Brian, Connie, and Roger met with Al Patterson to possibly gain some insight on Hamilton County Parks and Recreation. The discussion was mainly involving the financial side Biddle Park versus the day to day operations being taken over by the county. Per Al the county has an interest but is not in a financial situation to purchase the Park.

Per Brian, Biddle Foundation may not be able to continue to support operating costs as they have in the past. He compiled a list of donations made in the past, totaling over \$160K. Biddle Park is the largest benefactor of the Foundation's funds. Brian would like to see Hamilton County take over the operating costs and the Foundation continue to support larger projects such as a skate park, playground, equipment etc... There may be more of an interest to Hamilton County as they are wanting to open up the south end of the Monon Trail.

Joe brought up an idea of Adams Township taking over the Park. He has spoken to Jim Carey from Westfield. Jim told him that a township in Westfield had taken over a similar situation. Brian questioned the feasibility of Adams Township taking over, due to the upcoming school bond issue. There is also the possibility of township governments being dissolved in Indiana. Connie reviewed losses that the Town is now taking due to budget cuts. She suggested that we talk to other towns to review how they handle ownership and managing park grounds. Richard suggested attending the Hamilton County Park meeting. Connie will try to get with Hamilton County to have them attend one of our meetings.

Brian Myers has concerns, as we all do, about playground equipment and other conditions in the Park.

Connie Pearson talked about all three Sheridan parks being combined under one jurisdiction with one person controlling all upkeep.

Joe reviewed the tree project. He doesn't think it was done correctly. There is one tree that should have been taken and was not. Biddle Foundation paid for the tree project and Brian will have the vendor come back.

Brian questioned the two poles out by State Road 47. Everyone agreed they probably should be replaced or taken out. Theda and other members had approved the Autism Society's use of the poles for their sign for the month of April. Nothing will be done until their sign comes down.

July 4th parade will begin at 10:30 as usual. The Legion has asked to use the refurbished stage for an event they are hosting. Everyone agreed there would not be an issue. Connie stated there would be no changes other than a larger parade due to the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Joe has been meeting with a group of local farmers (County Gentlemen) who will help take care of a new doors for the garage.

Opening day for baseball is Saturday April 24th and we will begin the roadblock at 7:30.

Sincerely,

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Biddle Memorial Park

April 19, 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Theda Anderson Treasurer, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member, Walt Castor Superintendent Guests: Sheridan Rec Board, Libby Williams, Keith Rinkenberg, Kristy Smith, and Brian Smith

Minutes were read from the prior meeting with an approval by Joe Bilby and a second by Richard Wilson.

There have been several inquiries about the cost of the booth space for July 4th. Theda Anderson made a motion to keep the same fee schedule with a 2nd by John Barker. Roger would like for Wanda Otis to be the contact person for the reservations. He will contact the Town Hall.

Keith Rinkenberg, of the Sheridan Rec Board, requested a copy of the signed contract between the Rec Board and Biddle Memorial Park. Libby Williams suggested that we go to a flat fee method of payment so they can write one check per year and budget accordingly. Roger went over a history of the agreements and costs associated with running the Rec Board sports. Libby and Kristy stated that they are not actually receiving revenue for the sign rental on the press boxes and dugouts. These signs are being used as a bartering tool to fund sport's programs. They have more scholarship children this year than ever before. However, they are beginning to work with families to set up payment plans to get the enrollment fees paid. Last year they ran 1800.00 in the negative for girls' softball and 1900.00 in the negative for boy's baseball. The overwhelming cost they bear is for umpire fees. They are currently paying \$55.00 per game. That amount was questioned by the Board. They stated they even struggle to get personnel because other leagues in the county pay higher fees. They are also having the umpires scheduled by an outside source because they were not showing up as scheduled last year. Libby Williams went over the cost of park cleanup day for them and what the total outgoing was to the Park last year. They feel they paid somewhere around \$7000.00. Roger explained that we are open to how the figure is calculated. Libby stated that it has been a nightmare to pay by the enrollment because of late signups and payment plans. The Rec Board would also like to see a speed bump installed around the playground and little diamond. The black mesh on the big diamond outer field will be removed. The press box on the little diamond will be dismantled. They have no area to use it. They will move the shed to the back of the pavilion. After Board discussion, Roger will get with Libby on the flat fee amount.

The County Gentlemen farmer's group has installed new doors on the garage. Walt was thrilled with both the new service and overhead doors. Theda will get a thank you card for everyone to sign and forward to the group. We would also like to recognize the group on July 4th.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. We are not able to determine how much income has been received from sign rental. Richard stated that the Kiwanis will be purchasing a new sign this year.

Walt has been unable to get his cell phone bill paid as it remains in his personal name. Joe Bilby made a motion to increase Walt Castor's pay by \$35.00 each pay period to reimburse him for the monthly cost of the cell phone. John Barker seconded the motion.

Roger shared a forwarded email from Al Patterson from Hamilton County Parks. They would only consider involvement with a formal lease and would handle all maintenance themselves. They would allow first options for community events for use of the Park. They would not be involved at all with the Rec Board or any sports events.

The Biddle Foundation met and would like a list of needs for the Park. Everyone agreed that playground equipment should be a priority. Richard has spoken to Superintendent Derek Arrowood from Sheridan Community Schools about the playground equipment at Adams Elementary. They will be taking some of it to the new school but may have an interest in donating some of the remainder to The Park. We are also in need of a mower upgrade. Walt thinks he may be able to purchase a mowing deck to put behind the John Deere tractor. This will enable him to mow larger sections and still use the smaller mower too. He will get an estimate for repair work to be done on the smaller mower. The mowing deck he located is approximately \$1200.00. Roger asked that Walt get the estimates in writing so they can be reviewed by The Foundation.

Walt also needs weed killer. Joe stated that a department head from Sheridan must purchase this type of item. Walt will contact the Sheridan Town Hall and have it ordered.

Theda will take a look at pricing new porch swings. We need two new ones and would like to replace the two in disrepair.

Darlene Myers will have trees planted on behalf of Biddle Family members. The trees have already been purchased and the nursery will plant them in the circle area. The markers were set but need to be reviewed prior to planting.

If there is rain on Saturday we will reschedule the roadblock to match the day of the baseball parade. Walt will get with everyone very early on Saturday to make the determination.

The Board determined a final dollar figure for the Rec Board \$4200.00 plus they pay the electric meter for the big diamond. Everyone felt this was fair. A motion was made by Joe with a second by Richard.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson, Secretary

Minutes Biddle Memorial Park

May 18, 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Theda Anderson Secretary, John Barker Member, Robert Young Member, Richard Wilson Member, Connie Pearson Sheridan Town Council, and Al Patterson Hamilton County Parks, Guest

Minutes were read and approved by Roger with a second by Joe. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. We are not certain if the sign bills have gone out. It appears that Kiwanis, First Farmers, Becks, and Wallace Grain monies have not been received as of yet.

Theda did not get the thank you card for the farmer's group yet. She will have it at next meeting.

Roger contacted the Rec Board with our \$4200 plus meter term issue. They have countered with \$3500 plus meter. An additional option may be a total of \$4500. This would be paid in an initial installment of \$2000 plus monthly meter charges. The balance of \$4500 would be paid in the fall. Walt discussed a mowing issue with the baseball teams. He stated that he has not mowed the diamonds since he's had this job and the Rec Board is now requesting that he begin mowing them. Discussion was opened about the mowing in the terms renewal. Joe Bilby made a motion to request \$2000 in the spring and \$2000 in the fall plus the meter. This would include mowing the diamonds. Theda seconded the motion. Roger will discuss this with the Rec Board. Al Patterson stated that Hamilton County Parks uses a rental rate for each field and teams pay according to a structure that runs between \$100 and \$120 per hour.

Per Connie Pearson, Dr Arrowood stated if the school system needs to have all playground equipment removed by June 1st. Al Patterson and Connie will review the offer and speak to Kent Harris about the equipment.

Walt did get the weed killer applied that was purchased through the Sheridan Town Hall. Theda will get the swings ordered for the playground and pavilion areas.

Walt purchased a mowing deck for \$1000.00. It has a five foot mowing area and a 3 point hitch. Kenny Perry is helping Walt mow. He may need to sign a waiver to continue to do so. Connie will check on insurance coverage for volunteers. The mowing deck will be paid for by the Biddle Foundation.

Richard stated that Liz received a complaint letter. A community member didn't feel her dog was welcome in the Park. Often times, patrons need to be reminded of the responsibility to clean up after their pets. It was agreed that the Sheridan Police Department would be handling a potential situation with an accused predator.

Per Connie there will be port a pots out at the Park for July 4th use due to the prior week's festivities. Walt would like to do away with the toilet paper sheets in the women's bathroom and go back to rolls. He has four containers in the garage and will look into obtaining two more.

Per Connie, John Stafford would like to play on the July 4th stage. There has been no theme established for the parade at this time. Roger will call Parvin Gillem about the Special Purpose Band. Theda will contact The Farmers Bank about the watermelon eating contest. John Barker will contact Rich Barker about performing. Theda will contact a member of a high school rock band to see if they have interest in playing July 4th.

Theda will not be available to decorate the stage this year on the 3rd. She will purchase the supplies and Richard Wilson has agreed to complete the process.

The Sheridan Fire Department will have the fireworks delivered this year. Wanda Otis will be handling booth sign ups. Per Robert, the chamber has voted not to have a booth this year due to the Sequential events.

Al Patterson reported that Hamilton County is in a fact finding mode regarding participation with Biddle Memorial Park. They have spoken as a Board and are in agreement they have an interest. However, they are currently undergoing budget cuts and cannot take on more financial responsibilities. However, they may be able to assist in other ways and would like to continue to attend monthly meetings.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Minutes Biddle Memorial Park Board
July 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Theda Anderson Secretary, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member and Walt Castor, Superintendent

Richard passed out Chapter 93 of the Parks and Recreation Ordinance that was passed in 1970, as part of the Town of Sheridan Ordinances.

There were no minutes to review as our last meeting was handling Lemon Shakeup syrup. Per Roger we did receive a check from the Rec Board for a total of \$4468.00.

We had to reimburse Millie Brown \$50.00 for her July 4th booth rental because she wasn't working for a charity organization.

All invoices were reviewed and signed. Cody Eads was paid \$599.00. This amount should be reimbursed by the Biddle Foundation. The balance of the mower of \$200.00 was also paid. The Foundation will also reimburse for the cost of the fireworks \$3550.00.

Walt stated the number of people using the Park has decreased since July dramatically due to the baseball season completing.

Credit has been given on the water bill for the leak per Beth Lee. The bill for May 30th was \$860.71. \$612.16 was paid and we now stand with a credit of \$220.48. We will want to make certain to review next month's bill.

Richard stated that the Rountrippers baseball organization is practicing on the high school field.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. We made approximately \$1000.00 from the shakeup stand. We have a deposit of \$7500.00 from Biddle Foundation. The balance of the improvement fund is currently \$1650.00 with the operating balance \$8933.86. The Lion's Club donated \$1200.00, the Kiwanis \$200.00, Shelter rental \$250.00 and we had a donation of \$550.00 from Bud Arthur. He would like his name engraved on the plaque in the Park. Richard spoke with Connie and we have been receiving better reporting.

We have received the discarded playground equipment from Adams. It needs sand blasted as it has over 10 coats of paint. We may want to get a quote from Gibson's in Sheridan. Walt thinks that Joe Ridge will take out the one piece of equipment we need removed. We will replace it with a slide. Joe has an auger to use for the holes. Richard and Walt will put in the slide. Richard will pay for concrete used and will be reimbursed for the cost. Joe suggested having Tom Cain pull out the teeter totter frame and also the merry go round. We will replace with monkey bars. We would like to have this completed by the harvest Moon Festival. Walt asked

about the yellow poles that have no cable running through them. We would like to have them left. There is currently a speed limit problem in the Park. Walks need to discuss this with the police department. We would like better patrols.

Richard has spoken with the Town because town vehicles are driving on the trail. They said they are emptying trash. Poles need to be placed on the entrances to avoid this problem. We would prefer that Al Patterson is consulted on installation.

Walt has had issues regarding the Rec Board leaving boxes, trash, tables and the lights on after completing their equipment distribution. He did take care of the cleanup. Roger will speak to Jesse Williams.

Richard may be able to get some extra tables donated to the Park. The air conditioner at the concession stand is not working. We may look at splitting the cost with the Rec Board. We will need to discuss options.

Basketball behavior is getting better. Walt and Joe have both spoken to the players. The nets are in good shape and all appears to be going well.

Joe suggests sending thank you notes to a number of people who have help and donated to the Park. Theda will purchase them for the next meeting.

We are in need to new members to the Board. Everyone needs to keep their feelers out. We need to talk to Kyle and Connie of the parameters. We reviewed provisions that may need to be part of our bylaws. The Police Department has suggested no animals in the Park. We don't believe that is necessary. There is a provision in Plainfield's bylaws that we may consider about allowing pets. There was also discussion about not allowing anyone on the sexual registry to enter the Park either. There were mixed attitudes about a provision. Kyle will be asked to attend the next meeting for discussion.

We will have a second roadblock this fall and will check to see if September 11th is available. This is opening day for Purdue football. Traffic should be increased for that day.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson, Secretary

Minutes of Biddle Park Board
August 16, 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Theda Anderson Secretary, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member and Walt Castor Superintendent

Minutes were ready with a change of information for the roadblock date to the 18th.

Joe suggested removing the plaque by the concession stand and having ^{Bud} Bud Arthur's name engraved. He thinks Cheryl Merrill can take care of it at her shop.

The invoice for the tree removal remains unpaid. There is also a large electric bill outstanding due to the July 4th activities. Liz stated that she had not received all of the minutes. Theda has produced all that she had and taken them to the Town Hall. The Town is considering its own trash removal. We may look into having the Park's trash included.

The playground is cleaned up and ready to have the new equipment installed. Joe's auger needs some repair prior to using it. Concrete has been delivered to have the equipment set in.

Walt's phone bill is up for review with the Town Council. The Board has agreed to pay seven months of the bill and he will take care of the remaining 5 months. Joe will present this to the Council after speaking with Connie Stern. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$6085.81 in the General Fund as August month end with a balance in the Improvement Fund of \$1650.28.

Roger needs to contact Jesse and Libby Williams about the Rec Board contract. He also received a call from a Rec Board member about parking. Walt stated that cars have been pulling in the grass on the north side of the big diamond and the grass is a mess. Walt has put a log chain on the fence to keep vehicles off the diamond. Roger will talk to the Rec Board about the issues.

The concession stand needs cleaned out so it can be winterized. We will not approach the air conditioning issue until spring.

Walt said the teeter totter and old equipment is gone. Richard will get with Gibson's to see if they can offer some help on sandblasting. The slide is ok to install at this time.

The Town Council may help with getting poles at both entrances of the trail. We may want to wait until Al Patterson begins work on the new trail area along Lamong. Members of the Sheridan Street Department were on the trail with a small truck spraying for mosquitoes. Everyone thought this was fine but all other vehicles are prohibited. Theda will send thank you notes to Ty Lingo at the airport, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Bud Arthur and Biddle Foundation.

Melissa Little has been appointed the new director of the Sheridan Chamber.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Minutes of Biddle Park Board October 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker, Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, Walt Castor Superintendent, Ron Nehrig Guest and Jody England Guest.

Minutes were read from the prior meeting.

Walt has had the plaque engraved for new donor. Sheryl Merrill handled it and will be more than happy to handle such future needs.

Revenue from the roadblock was over \$1900.00. This was the largest amount ever collected.

Ron Nehrig and Jody England gave a presentation and formal proposal to install a disc golf course on the east side of the grounds. They did a wonderful job with the printed materials and would like to try and get some type of conclusion from the Board as they would like to begin fundraising for the project this fall. After the Board reviews the project, Theda will get back to Ron with a decision.

Bills were reviewed. There may be an overcharge from R & T. Joe will talk to Connie Stern about it. The Board doesn't feel that we need to pay a \$30.00 to the Town for copy costs for the roadblock flyers. Roger will talk to Liz about the charge.

We will need to order a new plaque for all higher end donations. Walt will be in charge of getting gold tags as needed. We will add names for donations over \$500.00.

The bathrooms have had vandalism issues again. Walt has discovered numerous messes and began to lock them. He called Bill Curl, Joe, and Connie Pearson. Richard stated that he has had complaints about the restrooms being locked. We would like to talk to the police department and at least keep the restrooms open for pavilion rental dates. We all agree that they must remain unlocked during daytime hours.

Hoppy Forbush will help Walt with winterizing. They will begin the first of November. We need to thank Hoppy with a free advertisement for his plumbing business on the front sign. Walt will talk to Rocky about getting antifreeze for the line.

Theda would like to use the pavilion as her pie distribution center for the Sheridan After Prom Committee. We have agreed to waive the fee to help support the committee. Theda will make certain she gets the keys and Walt will make sure the freezers are up and running.

Joe made a motion to bring up David Pitts to the Sheridan Town Council as a potential Biddle Park Board member. Roger seconded the motion, discussion took place, and a vote was taken. The vote was 3-2 in favor of asking The Town Council to consider him as a board member. Joe will bring up the topic at the next council meeting.

Discussion was opened regarding the Disc Golf Course. It was agreed to at least have Mr. Nehrig and Mr. England proceed to mark the area they would consider installing the course.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson, Secretary

Minutes Biddle Memorial Park Board November 2010

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, John Barker Member, Richard Wilson Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, Clarence Fox Guest Hamilton County Veteran's Association.

Prior minutes were read and approved by Joe Bilby with a second by John Barker.

Clarence Fox began the meeting with some background on the Hamilton County Veteran's Association. Their group would like to use Biddle Park for a June collector auto show. This is the first time for this event, so they are a little unsure of the numbers of vendors or participants. They have no vendor commitments at this time. Mr. Fox and his group are aware there is no alcohol allowed in Biddle Park. They would like to pencil in a June 11th or 25th date. The Board will need to check with the Sheridan Rec Board to see if there are any conflicts. The car show may want to close one of the gates to help with traffic. There will be no admission charge to the public to get into the show. The car owners will be charged a small fee to cover expenses only. Mr. Fox would like a preliminary approval by November 29th if at all possible. The Board will open discussion.

Bills were reviewed. A bill from R & T was to be reimbursed at \$60.95. The ending balance is \$1099.34. Those funds should be ample to cover expenses until spring.

Theda brought up Al Patterson. She feels that the Board will want to keep in touch with him regarding funding options. The Sheridan Chamber is looking for a Director once again. The Little's' are leaving the Legacy Fund, Chamber, and the Sheridan area.

The Board thought it best to talk to the Rec Board prior to committing to the Hamilton County Veteran's car show. We would like to ask them what they are willing to pay in order to use the Park for the day. They will need to establish a backup plan in the event the dates don't work. Roger spoke to Jesse Williams. He feels that June 25th would work for them. The Board will be requesting at least a \$500.00 donation for the use of the facilities. Theda will speak to Mr. Fox about the decision.

Richard will check on the freezers in the pavilion and make sure they are unplugged for the winter.

Joe has not spoken to the Town Council about David Pitts becoming a Board Member. He will attend the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson, Secretary