

Biddle Memorial Park Minutes
March 2011

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, Richard Wilson Member, David Pitts Member, John Barker Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, Walt Castor Superintendent. Guests: from Sheridan Rec Board Keith Rinkenburg, Jake Kopesky, Mike Webster, and Adam Went. From Hamilton County Health Department, Brandy Chritz

Discussion was opened with The Sheridan Rec Board. They are planning their opening day April 23rd. This will include their hamburger fry and parade. Cleanup day is set for April 16th at the Park. Mike Webster discussed the need to cut down trees to enlarge the small diamond. Sheridan Community Schools, due to budget cuts, will no longer support middle school baseball. The Rec Board has been asked to take on those children as Babe Ruth players. Mr. Webster stated that he feels they can get one to two tournaments a year to help support the league if they can expand the small diamond. They would like to see a decision made by the Biddle Park Board by mid May. The cost sharing agreement came up. Keith Rinkenburg requested a copy of the prior agreement. It was not determined where that would be located. Theda will try to review prior minutes for the information. Mike Webster was puzzled as to why soccer kids are also paying for park use. Theda explained to him that the agreement presented by the prior Rec Board suggested that. We discussed an option for a flat rate to be used. Sign rental was discussed. The Rec Board members stated that there was no income from the signs last year. This is something they will be working on. Richard discussed restroom issues. The Rec Board agreed that it would be beneficial to check the restrooms for issues every often during baseball season. Walt stated there has been parking issues throughout the park. Patrons are parking on the grass and not in designated areas. Keith stated he will discuss the parking issues but thinks that Walt needs to be less aggressive in dealing with the parents. We will price no parking signs and will have something about towing listed. The Rec Board agreed that the vehicle should be towed if in violation. The Rec Board feels there may be as many as 160 children signed up for baseball alone. It was agreed that financial information should be shared. Keith Rinkenberg will begin working on a contract for the Board's review. Keith also shared that there will be some sand put over the cracks in the tennis courts to help resolve some issues they are currently having. Walt volunteered to help deliver the sand for the project. Walt stated that he is trying to locate some pavilion tables that were borrowed by Jess Williams some time ago. The Rec Board members will see if they can help locate them. Keith would like to have keys to the restrooms for his tennis program. Walt will work with him to make certain he gets what he needs.

Brandy Chritz from the Hamilton County Health Department would like to use the pavilion for public health emergencies. Possible uses may be to distribute medications in the event of epidemics or even terrorism issues. The closest emergency cent now to Sheridan is in Cicero. Everyone was in agreement that the Biddle Park location would be a great benefit to the entire Sheridan Community.

There will be a Memorandum of Understanding to be reviewed. The Hamilton County Health Department will be having an open house in Noblesville on April 19th and 20th.

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

Walt spoke with Gibson's and they will not be able to help with the Park equipment. They do not have a portable sandblaster. Richard may have an idea for the restoration. John Barker has a pressure washer that Walt would like to use for some additional projects.

Theda will speak to Mike Oliver from Block Party Amusements to see if he may have an interest in setting up some of his items for July 4th. The idea of chicken noodle dinner is still up for grabs by a community service organization.

The Treasure's report was reviewed. We have still not received sign rental from Sheridan Pharmacy. The Sheridan Legion would like to use the front sign for 3 days for \$50.00. John Barker made a motion to increase the front sign rental to \$70.00~~0~~ per week. A second was received by David Pitts.

Richard stated there would be no farmers' market this year. A group from the Christian Church would like to sell cookies as a fund raiser. Representatives will attend our next meeting.

Walt stated the Park is very wet. The Sheridan Kiwanis will clean up the playground area on April 2nd. We need limbs pulled from a few trees. We need to get with Duke Energy about bulb replacement. Chuck Stoop will repair all lights for a free sign rental. We will need to pay to have his sign made. Walt will contact Chuck to see what he would like on the sign.

The Sheridan Lion's Club will have their annual breakfast this coming Saturday. Everyone Ok'd the autism awareness sign to be placed as a front banner for the entire month of April

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson, Secretary

Minutes of Biddle Memorial Park Board May 2011

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Richard Wilson Member, David Pitts Member, Theda Anderson, Secretary, John Barker Member, Walt Castor Superintendent Guests: Mike Webster, George Runners, and Joe Grinstead of the Sheridan Rec Board

Minutes were read, with an approval by David Pitts with a second by Richard Wilson.

Walt has a new lock on the pavilion. There has been no gutter repair so far. Pastor Hoover never showed up. The soffit is bad on the north and south side. The back door has been torn off. We need Walt to get an estimate for the repairs. He suggested Steve McKinney.

Mike Webster, of the Sheridan Rec Board, stated they had a fundraiser this past weekend and received more funds than they thought. They would like to put in a practice diamond for the T-ballers. The approximate size will need to be 65 X 65. They will take care of all the work themselves. They may put in a backstop and four bases for the project.

A motion was made by David Pitts to approve the Sheridan Rec Board project. A second was made by Roger Myers.

Mr. Webster also discussed Sheridan having a travel team for baseball. That team was very impressed by Biddle Park. They continue to want three trees cut down to enlarge the diamonds in order to play tournaments. He stated that they will do everything they can to make this work. They are not interested in using the girl's diamonds because of scheduling issues. They have talked to Above and Beyond Tree service about removing the trees. There will be no cost to Biddle Park. They would like an answer at the June meeting about the tree removal so they can get started.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was some confusion on projected disbursements.

David read a letter from Liz stated that no bills will be paid on negative balances.

Walt stated that mowing is going very well. The issue of the donated equipment was brought up. It needs to be removed or put in immediately. Roger will talk to the Lion's Club to see if they can help with installation.

Walt stated the scout cabin needs to be torn down. There are so many problems with rodents and it's falling apart. Walt will talk to Larry Kincaid about an estimate. There is electric and gas to the building now.

The roadblock raised approximately \$1500.00. There was a great turnout at the Hamburger Fry.

No issues with anyone parking on the grass.

We received a copy of the signed memorandum from the Hamilton County Health Dept. about using Biddle Park for a disaster sight.

Wanda sent a letter from Dickerson and Krenna Concessions. They want to have a booth on July 4th. We will only allow the booth if the funds are for a non-profit.

July 4th will be discussed on our June 7th meeting to make simple syrup.

Sincerely,

Theda Anderson

Secretary

Minutes of Biddle Memorial park Board
June 2011

In Attendance: Roger Myers president, Joe Bilby Vice President, Theda Anderson Secretary, John Barker Member, Richard Wilson, Member, David Pitts Member, Walt Castor Superintendent and Guests Ron Nehrig and Dennis Byrne concerning Frisbee Golf, and Keith Rinckenberg with the Sheridan Rec Board

Ron and Dennis will have the Disc Golf set up with the baskets put in by July 4th. They had concerns initially with the practice field for the T-Ball but feel they can work around it. They will donate a Disc Golf Starter Kit for the July 4th ping pong drop.

Keith Rinckenberg stated that he has not heard anything about the school taking over a portion of the baseball fields. Richard Wilson stated that Jeff Weir wants to have the high school baseball team play at Biddle Park. The Rec Board is not aware of the need at this time. Keith questioned the contract with the Rec Board. Roger has left messages for Jake who will be handling the contract. Keith expressed concern about vandalism with the electric service again. He and Walt were able to repair it. It was discussed with Keith that the Rec Board's portion of the electric bill has not been paid and funds have been received for the year. Roger will talk to Jake Kepskey about each issue.

Minutes were read from the May meeting with an approval by David Pitts and a 2nd by John Barker.

Per Joe, Don Massey fixed the gutters on the pavilion. We received a bill for \$210.00.

The playground equipment is still out by the trail. Walt is getting an estimate from Jolietville for the power spraying. We may have additional equipment that will need it as well.

Richard and Walt will get with Mr. Kincaid about tearing down the scout cabin.

Richard expressed concern that the Horshoe League has not made a donation in quite a while. However, we feel they will this year.

Kenny Perry has not signed the waiver passed off by Liz. If he does not endorse the waiver he will not be able to help Walt with mowing and grounds.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed with no additions.

Paula Boone would like to set up a Wednesday evening farmer's market. She and other vendors will be selling vegetables and baked goods. Everyone was in agreement to the idea.

There are ruts on the practice field for the T Ball diamond that need filled in.

Theda has been in touch with Mr. Fox regarding the car show for June 25th. She asked Richard to meet with her and the representatives on Saturday the 18th at 11:00. They will need to review placement and vendor set up. Walt will try to come as well.

July 4th

Bob Halcomb will play and use his sound equipment on July 4th for \$500.00 Kent Harris will be the grand marshal for the parade. No one is lined up for the National Anthem. Keith Rinckenberg will get with Chris Welch to see if his daughters may be interested. Dave Elmore, The Barker Sisters, and Code Eads, are all set for entertainment. Joe will call Rossville Lion's Club. Joe asked how much ice we used last year. No one was sure. It was agreed to use the larger bags this year. Theda spoke with Jeff Davis and The Farmers Bank will make a sponsorship donation but will not be sponsoring the watermelon eating contest. The Main Street Organization may handle it. Roger will talk to Michelle Junkins. We need additional merchant's gifts for the ping pong drop. Keith Rinckenberg agreed to donate a tennis lesson.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Minutes of Biddle Memorial Park Board July 2011

In attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, David Pitts member, Richard Wilson Member, John Barker Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, Walt Castor Superintendent, Zach Troubaugh Guest, Sheridan Rec Board Guests

Mr. Troubaugh spoke about "Critter's Walk" a memorial event they would like to have at Biddle Park for Chris Green. The date would be August 6, 2011 and set up would begin around 7:00 am. They would like to bring Chris Green's truck into the Park. They plan to have music, face painting, a bake sale, and other events. He feels the event would wrap up early evening. They will need electric for the music. There are no Rec Board events scheduled during that time. Walt would like for the truck to be brought in on the pavement and possibly a tarp placed under the truck itself to avoid potential oil leaks.

Mike Webster, of the Sheridan Rec Board, commended Walt on the condition of the restrooms. Board members had numerous questions for Mr. Webster regarding tournament play, travel teams, and the tree removal project. Next year he feels the Rec Board will host numerous tournaments with 12 to 15 teams per tournament. The tournaments would be Thursday through Saturday. Mr. Webster questioned the use of the girl's diamond during the Harvest Moon Festival. Connie Pearson will be his contact for that information. Mr. Webster feels they can charge as much as \$300.00 per team per tournament. He thinks teams from all over central Indiana would be interested in playing at Biddle Park. The season will begin in early April for the planned travel team. They plan to hold tryouts on August 28th. In this particular conference there are 16 teams. They will be self-funded and the cost should run around \$500.00 per child. The baseball tournament group would be willing to pay extra for bathroom supplies and cleanup if needed

Mr. Webster has checked into the tree and stump removal and is ready to go as soon permitted. A licensed and bonded company would be handling the tree removal. Joe would like to see the far baseball fence section put back up.

After discussion a motion was made by John Barker to allow the Rec Board to remove the trees. A second was made by David Pitts. The motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

Walt discussed tire ruts needing repair in the back area. Roger received a message from Jake, from the Rec Board, about the annual funds to Biddle Park. The Rec Board approved \$3500.00 plus the cost of the electric. The Board agreed that \$4000.00 plus the electric was more in line with the true additional costs. Theda made a motion to accept \$3800.00 plus electric. A second was made by David Pitts. A proposal will be made to accept \$2K now if the agreement can be reach. Keith Rinkenberg is to discuss this with the Rec Board at their next meeting.

Minutes were read from the prior meeting with a motion to approve by Roger and a second by Richard.

Kenny Perry has signed the insurance waiver and will be able to assist Walt with mowing. Walt isn't sure why there are so many poles in the disc golf course. There has not been concrete poured as agreed. Theda will contact Ron Nehrig about the issues and have him attend our next meeting. Joe wanted to make certain we received credit from Rainers for our returned July 4th supplied. David questioned a

\$15.00 bill for a road closure. The Biddle Foundation will be covering any financial shortfall per Roger. The next donation should be around \$15K and should be made available within a couple of weeks. Walt discussed the condition of the mower. He feels it has too many hours and is just not worth continuing to repair. Joe will talk to Vance Wallace about the Lion's Club helping to install the donated equipment. A complaint was received from Penny Campbell regarding the condition of the pavilion. It was not as clean as she had anticipated. A motion was made by Theda to refund half of her rental fee. A second was made by Roger Myers.

The Board questioned Richard about the situation between him, Walt, and the Rec Board regarding the use of the Park's equipment to help with field maintenance. Richard felt that the conversation was justified and that the Park owns the equipment and it should not be available for Rec Board use. The topic was tabled for discussion until next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Theda Anderson

Minutes Biddle Memorial Park Board September 2011

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, Joe Bilby Vice President, David Pitts Member, John Barker Member, Theda Anderson Secretary and Mike Webster Sheridan Rec Board

Mr. Webster assured the Board that the contract would be available for our next meeting. The dirt mound has been removed on the big diamond. The Rec Board doesn't want to put the fence back up as agreed upon in our last meeting. They do have access to a six foot fence. The Park Board would prefer the five foot fencing. Walt would like to have mowing access once the fence is installed. Theda believes there may be some fencing behind the garage. The Rec Board would like to use the big diamond for co-ed Sunday games. The project for the small diamond has been completed. The travel baseball team is in place and there are currently four Sheridan children involved.

Minutes were read from the prior meeting with an approval from Joe and a second from John.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There may be an issue with Walt's year to date income. There was an advance made to Walt that may be involved. We need to confirm the number of payrolls for him for the season. The sign rental appeared a bit low. The report suggested the total to be eighty five dollars.

Melanie Wise would like to see the interior of the scout cabin. She is the head of the Sheridan Girl Scout troop.

We received a thank you note from Paul Boone regarding this year's farmer's market. Joe was very impressed with the way the entire season was handled. They left the Park clean and felt the market was a huge community service to Sheridan.

Richard Wilson has resigned for health reasons from the Biddle Memorial Park Board. Kirk Green has expressed an interest in taking a board position. Roger will discuss this with him further.

Ron Nehrig stated his group would not be financially able to pour concrete this year around the baskets on the Frisbee golf course.

Walt suggested the Park Board continue to look into a new mower. We continue to put money into the old one and he's just not certain how much longer it will last.

We need to have more mulch brought into the playground. Joe has sprayed for thistle and weeds.

Respectfully Submitted

Theda Anderson
Secretary

Biddle Memorial Park Board
Minutes
October 18, 2011

Members Present: Roger Myers, President; Joe Bilby, Vice President; David Pitts, Member.

Guests Present: Walt Castor, Park Superintendent; Keith Rinkenburg, Sheridan Recreation Board; Mike Webster & Son.

No business could be conducted because there was not a quorum of board members present.

Discussion was held concerning the reinstallation of the fence on the east side of the large diamond. Jake Koepke of the recreation board has asked for a formal request from the Park Board either in writing or by email for the project. Roger Myers stated that the Biddle Foundation might be willing to pay for the needed materials. Questions arose whether or not a gate would be needed – would a walk-thru gate be sufficient and what would be needed for the 4th of July fireworks preparation. There are gates on the west and south sides of the diamond. Roger Myers will check with police chief Jeff Weir and fire chief Bret Merriman on the need and size of a gate. Joe Bilby thought that the approval of the tree removal on the pee wee diamond came with the condition of the fence reinstallation.

The contract for park use by the Hurricane travel league baseball team is being reviewed by the team coach. Mike Webster will get the final copy and present it to the Park Board for approval. Joe Bilby raised concerns over the additional expenses the park would incur from the travel league. The contract will be reviewed for payment of the additional expenses.

Mike Webster will check further into the stump removal.

The area to the east of the large diamond has been roped off and seems to be keeping people off the grass.

Walt Castor will shut off the water on November 1 and winterize all park equipment and facilities.

A new mower will probably be needed for the next park season. Walt Castor would prefer one with a 60 inch cut.

Walt Castor reported that there had been an algae fuel problem with the tractor. Reynolds Farm Equipment has repaired the issue and the tractor should be OK for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pitts
Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes of Biddle Memorial Park Board November 15, 2011

In Attendance: Roger Myers President, John Barker Member, David Pitts Member, Theda Anderson Secretary, Mike Webster Guest, Keith Rinkenberg Guest, Mike Leming Guest, and Walt Castor Superintendent

Minutes were read from the prior meeting with an approval by David Pitts and a second by John Barker

The Park use agreement was reviewed from the Hurricanes. It was agreed that a termination clause would need to be added and a note stating that the Hurricanes will schedule according to Rec Board availability. A second team from Sheridan may also be involved. The team's season will begin April 2nd.

Keith Rinkenberg stated that the Rec Board needs specs for the fence replacement in order for a vote to be obtained. Per Walt there is no fence behind the garage. The Park Board would like something in writing confirming the replacement of the diamond fencing. Biddle Foundation may help with the installation of a larger gate for access once the fence is up. Keith Rinkenberg stated that the Rec Board will not be running in the red this year.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Barton Grinstead needs a thank you note sent for his donation. Roger will verify with Liz that all Rec Board monies were received for the year and that the electric has been taken care of as agreed.

Walt confirmed the Park has been winterized. The steam table in the pavilion needs removed. Theda questioned the popcorn machine as well. A tree has fallen and will need to be cleaned up. There are also a couple of crab apple trees that need removed in the front area. The playground continues to need major repair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theda Anderson

Secretary