



Minutes of the
Munson Township
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Bert Diehl, with Rick Webb, Jim O'Neill and Ellen Comeau present at Munson Township Hall. Secretary Julie Johnston was absent, and Bert Diehl took the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Ellen Comeau moved and Rick Webb seconded to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025 as written. Motion carried, 3-1. (Mr. Diehl voted yes, Rick Webb voted yes, Ellen Comeau voted yes, and Jim O'Neill voted no)

Old Business

Floating Boardwalk at Scenic River

Trustee Andy Bushman indicated that Jeff Atchley of Metalcraft Docks stated he will not be able to install boardwalk and would like to possibly cancel the contract. The conversation continued regarding whether the contract was signed, whether new bids need to be requested, and if additional funding would be available if necessary. Mr. Bushman indicated that Mr. Atchley would be willing to meet with the Trustees to discuss possible construction alternatives. Mr. Bushman will work on coordinating such a meeting soon. On a more positive note, Mr. Bushman stated that the dock extension for Scenic River Retreat is complete and is anticipated to be installed prior to the Fishing Derby on June 7th.

Disc Golf Course at Nero Nature Preserve

The event is set for Saturday, May 17th. Andy Bushman will touch base with Road Superintendent Kirk Walker to see if mowing is needed prior to the event. Two pop up canopies will be brought to the park and water/chips will be available for event attendees. Andy will provide disc golf door prizes. Board members are requested to be at Nero Nature Preserve by 10:30 am to facilitate set-up and preparations.

Easter Egg Hunt – Recap

The break in the rainy weather was fortuitous, making it a great Easter Egg Hunt. Although there were leftover candy bags, board members agreed that 175 bags of candy is a good amount for future hunts. The Easter bunny made a trip to Women Safe to meet children and distribute Easter cheer and candy bags.

Rain Gardens at Township Park

Caroline Yeager gave a detailed presentation regarding renovation of the existing rain garden. Caroline is a sophomore at West Geauga high school and would like to pursue this sustainability-related project to help her achieve her rank as Girl Scout Senior. The rain garden was initially installed in 2019 but has since fallen into disrepair. Caroline provided a handout that included project team members, recommended plantings, and estimated project costs. Bert Diehl moved and Ellen Comeau seconded to provide future Park Board support as this project develops. Caroline would like to complete the project by November 2025 and the board

requested that she provide frequent updates. Ellen Comeau is listed as a project team member and will serve as primary liaison for the Park Board.

Trail Markers at Nero Nature Preserve

The office received an estimate for trail markers. Purchase approval will be considered at the Board of Trustees meeting, May 13, 2025.

Workday at Scenic River Retreat

The recent scheduled workday was cancelled, and the future work date is on hold until the boardwalk construction issue is better determined.

Fishing Derby – June 7th

The event is scheduled from 9am – 1pm. Event announcements have been in the weekly Munson Elementary School newsletter to garner more interest. Rick Webb and Jim O'Neill will purchase wax worms and nightcrawlers. Andy Bushman will provide door prizes and cook hot dogs. Bert Diehl will send out event reminders and coordination emails in early June to board members.

New Business

Ellen Comeau moved and Bert Diehl seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 4-0. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:15 at Munson Township Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bert Diehl", written over a horizontal line.

Bert Diehl, Chair

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent