



Minutes of the
Munson Township
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Jim O'Neill.

Present: Jim O'Neill (Chair), Bert Diehl, Joe Herczak and John McCreery

MINUTES

John McCreery made a motion which was seconded by Bert Diehl to approve the meeting minutes from December 4, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Application – Scenic River

Trustee Irene McMullen discussed the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Grant application that she is filling out for the trails at Scenic River Retreat. Ms. McMullen needed clarification on a couple of things. Joe Herczak had developed a plan for the trails that was approved by the Trustees but funding was not approved. Trustee Andy Bushman mentioned that a Boy Scout had done a prototype bridge this past fall at the Retreat and there is possibly another Boy Scout interested in doing some work. The Park & Recreation Board put a hold on the trails since they wanted to make sure that it is what residents want. The grant that Ms. McMullen is applying for is an 80/20 split and very hard to get.

The next step is the Nature Works Grant which is a broader program and the same application can be submitted. The Nature Works Grant allots monies to the County and then it is split from that allotment. Ms. McMullen asked if there are any other priorities for the parks and thought that the Park Survey on the Township website would help determine the interest of the residents. This grant can be applied for every year. Applicants have nothing to lose by applying. The chosen applicants monetary allocations can take some time to get. Ms. McMullen advised the Park & Recreation Board to continue to move along with the trail project. If some work is done on the trails, the cost would not be reimbursed by a grant. She also wants members to know that any other priorities can be presented to the Trustees.

Park Survey

The survey is on the Township website and eleven (11) having been returned. The only way to tally the answers is one at a time. Secretary Julie Johnston will check with the website host to see if it can be done electronically.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominate Chair & Vice

Jim O'Neill made a motion which was seconded by Joe Herczak to nominate Bert Diehl as Chair. The motion was passed unanimously.

John McCreery made a motion which was seconded by Bert Diehl to nominate Joe Herczak as Vice Chair. The motion was passed unanimously.

2018 Events

The Trustees approved the following events, dates and budgets: Indoor Flea Market, Saturday, March 17th, \$300; Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31st, \$500 and Fishing Derby Sunday, June 3rd, \$300.

Trustee Andy Bushman will invite the two Boy Scouts who are interested in the bridge/boardwalk project at Scenic River Retreat to attend the next Park & Recreation Board meeting. Mr. Bushman asked Jim O'Neill if he would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee again this year. Mr. O'Neill responded yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Bert Diehl made a motion which was seconded by John McCreery to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.



Chair

Bert Diehl



Secretary

Julie Johnston

cc: Park Board Members
Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent