

Minutes of the  
Munson Township  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, April 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm by Chair Bert Diehl. Joe Herczak, Jim O'Neill and John McCreery (arrived at 6:30pm) were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Office Manager Paula Friebertshauser took the minutes in Julie Johnston's absence.

**Minutes**

Joe Herczak moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as written. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Fishing Derby - Sunday, June 3

Members agreed to wait until the May 14th meeting to discuss logistics in regards to the Fishing Derby.

**Old Business**

Flea Market - March 17

It was noted that the Flea Market made a \$1,233.50 profit for the Scholarship fund. The following comments/suggestions were made:

- clearly state that vendors must provide their own tables and chairs
- keep the inside automated doors to the lobby open
- provide \$5's and \$10's for admission change
- hand stamps
- Mr. Diehl will get together with Ms. Johnston in regards to a different way to measure/tape off spots in the Fire Bay
- Early Bird admission - this will be revisited prior to the fall flea market

Easter Egg Hunt - March 31

Trustee Andy Bushman mentioned that the field to the south is higher and drier and would be a better place for the smaller kids; by the rock and flag pole, it is wetter. It was pointed out that the Road Department needs to be reminded to move some tables out from under the pavilion. The space of time between the Easter bunny's arrival and the start of the actual hunt needs to be shortened. Mr. O'Neill thought it might be a good idea to provide coffee for the adults and mini donuts for the children. Mr. Bushman suggested there could be a donation jar. Members agreed to revisit the issue in January or February of next year.

Girls Softball Dugouts

Mr. Diehl wondered if the dugouts were complete as there was bare wood showing. He offered to call Mr. Landies and touch base. He asked Mr. Bushman if Mr. Landies received extra funding for expansion. Mr. Bushman replied that he was supposed to get grants from various foundations. It was mentioned that the dugouts should be consistent. Mr. Diehl asked if the Board wished to entertain pursuing a future grant for upgrading the major league field. It was discussed that \$10,000 was spent per field and Mr. Landies would be asked to provide an itemized list. Mr. Diehl suggested asking Chardon High School to help offset the cost maybe by holding a fundraiser.

Members discussed the relocation of the bleachers because of the sight impairment caused by the new dugouts. Mr. Bushman suggested putting them behind home plate.

#### Park Survey - Update

Mr. Herczak summarized the park survey results. There were 97 total with 27 coming from the flea market. Those results may have been skewed because mostly older people completed those 27 and not many visit the parks. He noted that 72% do not use the fitness course at the Township Park. It was mentioned that the results should be put on the website and perhaps a blurb in the next newsletter. Mr. Bushman mentioned a past park flyer he created and perhaps that could be updated to include the results. Mr. Herczak pointed out that baseball was not on the top of the list, but more trails were requested. Members agreed to review the results to analyze the direction they should go. Mr. Bushman reiterated they should choose their top 5 to 10 things they want to accomplish. Mr. Herczak raised a concern that the Board does not know what they are playing with in regards to funds. Mr. Bushman advised them this was their window of opportunity to present their list. He was not sure of the grant money. Mr. Herczak commented that 56% indicated they were interested in trails at Scenic River and the other top request was having a pavilion at the Town Hall. Mr. Bushman advised them to come to the second meeting in April to present the survey results. Mr. Bushman mentioned converting the existing garage close to Sherman Road into a pavilion. Mr. Herczak responded that people would want it closer to the playground to make it easier for parents to watch their children on the playground and have an easier view of the ball field. He also wondered that with the inheritance tax going away, what would fill that void. He wondered about a Park levy. In regards to the trails, Mr. Herczak asked if they would be subcontracted out or done internally. Mr. Diehl thought initially they would be contracted out and the maintenance would be internal. Mr. Herczak suggested building up the dirt and putting a pipe through it instead of boardwalks. Mr. Bushman commented that the Township has to comply with the Land Conservancy's regulations.

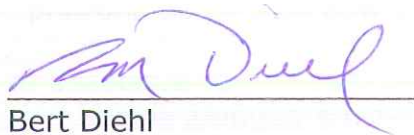
#### Grant Status

Trustee Irene McMullen had sent the grant information. It has to be filed by June 1st. Mr. Bushman explained that \$12,000 is earmarked for trails, but it could be used more for structures. Mr. Bushman mentioned that Scenic River borders the Historic District.

#### Boy Scout Scenic River Retreat Trails

Mr. Bushman's contact has not responded to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.

  
Bert Diehl

Chair

  
Julie Johnston

Secretary

cc: Township Trustees  
Fiscal Officer  
Road Superintendent