

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chair Bert Diehl. Joe Herczak and Jim O'Neill and John McCreery were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Bert Diehl moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018 as written. Motion carried.

New Business

Field at Scenic River Retreat

A Munson Township resident attended the meeting questioning the reason why we cut the field on the west side of the park. She understands that we cut a path through the field but is curious why the entire field is cut once a year since it provides food and shelter for both small and large animals and birds. She also added that the time of the year that the field is cut is odd since there are many species that can feed from the seeds during the cold winter months. She added that if the field must be cut, April would be the month to cut it.

Trustee Andy Bushman told the group that the field cutting is not on the mowing contract that MVL holds for Scenic River Retreat and that the Road Department cuts the field once a year. Bert Diehl responded that he will talk to the Road Superintendent Jim Teichman to find out the reasoning behind cutting the field and will get back to the concerned resident.

Resident Email – Nero Nature Preserve

The Trustees received an email from a resident who walks their dog at Nero Nature Preserve. A few weeks ago there was an issue regarding the parks property line. Trustee Andy Bushman told board members that Trustee Jim McCaskey will be placing a sign on the trail and will ask the abutting property owner to not cut their grass on the last 2 strips of their property.

Munson Township Park

As a Chardon High School senior project, there is a group of high school seniors who would like to install batting cages and would like to proceed with their project in coordination with the dugouts. The project would include a 16x84 concrete pad with netting and turf. Mr. Bushman asked the high school senior group to attend a Park & Recreation Board meeting. Mr. Bushman also added that he would forward the plans to Park Board members. The high school senior group would purchase the netting which will last approximately seven (7) years. Board members would like a letter from the senior groups coach and a batting cage plan signed by the coach along with a list of donators to this project since the Township will not be monetarily responsible.

Old Business


Scenic River Retreat Trails

Joe Herczak inquired about the maintenance of the trails after its completion. Mr. Bushman told board members that it would either be done by the road department or farmed out to a landscaping company. It would depend on who is more affordable and time would also be a factor. Mr. Bushman added that the budgeted dollar amount for the trails (possibly \$12,000 to \$14,000) would be in addition to the \$7,500 already in the budget. Mr. Herczak was also concerned that \$20,000 would not be enough money to complete the trails. Mr. Bushman referred back to the grants which would be in addition to the budgeted monies for the project. He also mentioned that the general fund can possibly be another source of extra monies if needed. Mr. Bushman will contact Zoning Inspector James Herringshaw to look into the EPA process needed for permits etc. Mr. Herringshaw will be invited to the next Park & Recreation Board meeting to review his plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.



Bert Diehl, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent