

Minutes of the
Munson Township
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm by Chair Bert Diehl. Jim O'Neill and Joe Herczak were present. John McCreery was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Old Business

Scenic River Trail Hike Recap

Approximately 50 residents showed up to the event. The second hike had fewer attendees. Pete McDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy did a great job leading the informative hike. The new trail seems to be getting more foot traffic lately as well.

Scenic River Trail Markers

The Nature Works sign which will be posted at Scenic River Retreat (required for grant recipients) has been ordered. Park & Recreation Board members suggest that trail markers are yellow to ensure visibility in case of an emergency. Pete McDonald mentioned that there are several spots on the trail which should be marked to keep hikers on the correct path. He suggested driveway markers or ribbons.

Baseball Dugouts

Jim O'Neil has noticed that the bench situation in the dugouts still needs attention. One dugout has cement blocks with two-by-fours and the other dugout does not have a bench at all. Mr. Diehl will look into this matter. The batting cages are still up and Mr. O'Neill would like to know when they will be taken down. An email will be sent to the Doug at the Chardon High School since they are the responsible party for the net removal before winter.

New Business

Scenic River Trail Markers

Joe Herczak will mark the trail with new ribbon for better visibility. Board members would like to know if the Road Department will maintain the trails when it comes to downed tree branches, low spots on trail, etc.

Moving Kiosk & Bench


Board members all agree that they would like the bench currently on the west side of the driveway, south of the restrooms and the kiosk moved to the new trail head but moving the bench may not be a good idea since trying to remove it from its current location would most likely result in significant damage. Members suggested that a new bench located close to the shrub swamp may be a good upcoming Eagle Scout project.


Restrooms at Township Park

It has come to the attention of Trustee Jim McCaskey that the restrooms at Township Park may not be ADA compliant. When they were built in 2003 they were up to code. Mr. McCaskey reached out to the builder, Enzoco Corporation, and has

not heard back from them yet. Board members all agree that bringing the restrooms up to code is a Township issue since the structure is currently on the property.

Jim O'Neill made a motion which was seconded by Bert Diehl to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:15pm at Town Hall.


Bert Diehl, Chair


Julie Johnston, Secretary