

Minutes of the
Munson Township
Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Joe Rosboril.

Present: Joe Rosboril (Chairman), Bob Marn, Claudia Toth, Jim O'Neill and Art Hollis.

MINUTES

Joe Rosboril made a motion which was seconded by Jim O'Neill, to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2013. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Basketball Court Fence Repair

Joe Rosboril is waiting for pricing from two contractors. Twelve foot fences are very costly and Mr. Rosboril reported that a women's soft ball team has been soft tossing against the fence and holding practice at the tennis courts. It is possibly a team that uses Munson Elementary ball field located behind the school. Claudia Toth will look into this matter.

Baseball Field Prep Specifications

Nothing to report at this time.

Nero Park Entrance off Ravenna Road

Art Hollis is working on getting an estimate from three companies. The site, on Ravenna Road, closest to Water Fowl Lane may be the best location for a second entrance to Nero Park. Art Hollis, Joe Rosboril and Bob Marn walked the preserve. Mr. Rosboril will ask the Trustees for their approval if contractor's feel that a driveway could be done. Mr. Hollis asked if there was any way that the park sign located on Bean Road could be turned so it is visible from both directions. Also, the underbrush needs to be cleared so the sign is visible from a distance. Art Hollis made a motion which was seconded by Claudia Toth, to either double side the sign or place it perpendicular to the street and clear the brush so drivers can read it coming from either direction. Passed unanimously.

Art Hollis asked about the status of the paved path that is planned for Nero Nature Preserve. The Park Board has not been involved in regards to it since the Trustees are handling the project. The Park Board feels that the planned eight foot wide path would be better served at Munson Township Park. Joe Rosboril will check the Trustees agenda and let Park Board members know when the meeting is scheduled. The Park Board feels that adding a paved trail at Nero Nature Preserve would destroy the park's integrity. It is a nature preserve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concert in The Park

Concert flyers were passed out to all of the Park Board members who were asked to drop them for advertisement at various locations.

2013 Projects

a. Trails at Nero Nature Preserve – Bob Marn did a lot of work last year with The Western Reserve Land Conservancy in regards to the trails. There is some grant money available but it is hard to get. The Park Board missed the time frame for the grant application. Landscapers will be contacted to give estimates on clearing trails. The trails are mapped out but need to be marked. The “blue trail” would be the first on their list. It’s in close proximity to where Park Board members would like the additional entrance off Ravenna Road. Scenic River Retreat also has a trail mapped out but there are muddy areas with no bridges. Bob Marn will meet with Road Superintendent Jim Teichman to get an estimate on the cost of the trails at Nero Nature Preserve. Ms. Toth mentioned that the trail markers at Nero Nature Preserve don’t make sense and are not colored coated and serve no purpose.

b. Fireplace at Scenic River Retreat – Claudia Toth contacted Joe Lallo and is working on getting two estimates for a fireplace. Ms. Toth is in search of blue prints for the pavilion.

c. Asphalt grindings at Munson Township Park – Joe Rosboril will attend the next Trustees meeting to see if the asphalt grinding project for Munson Township Park has been approved. The Park Board members feel it would be nice to have the job completed by Community Day Picnic. Mr. Rosboril stated that asphalt grindings would be the best way to go since it is a nice base if asphalt were to be put on the drive in the future. The drainage by the flag pole needs attention since the water has nowhere to go.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fishing Derby – May 5th

Approximately 90 people showed for the event at Scenic River Retreat on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Park Board member Jim O’Neill asked if the event can be held on Saturday instead of Sunday next year. Other Park Board members pointed out that there are baseball and soccer tournaments on Saturday and the event was held two weeks later in past, which may be a good suggestion since the weather would offer warmer temperatures. It was suggested that Jim O’Neill talk with Trustee Andy Bushman since he is the events Chair.

Boy Scouts Project

A Boy Scout built two walking trail kiosks, one for Scenic River Retreat and the other for Nero Nature Preserve. The Scout took it upon himself to move the Kiosk at Scenic River Retreat since the ground was steeper on one side over the other.

Jacob Hamblen did not make it to the Park Board meeting to discuss his Eagle Scout project on April 9, 2013. He went directly to the Trustee meeting on May 7, 2013 at which the Trustees approved the bat house project he proposed. The Park Board would like to know how many bat houses will be made and where they will be placed.

Tennis Courts

Approximately two years ago, the minor cracks on the tennis courts were filled with tar. Drainage was added and the minor cracks got bigger. Mr. Teichman has another company that could look at the cracks. Joe Rosboril would like to be present when that company comes out so he can learn as much as he can in regards to the tennis courts. Mr. Rosboril will call the company who made the repairs previously. The tennis courts need continuous maintenance.

Scenic River Retreat / Nero Nature Preserve

The landscape beds are full of weed. Munson Valley Landscaping recently sprayed them. The Park Board is unclear about who is spraying the parking lots at various Munson Township parks, Munson Valley Landscaping or Munson Township Road Department?

Baseball Field Signs

The Park Board has no idea who put the "No Soft Toss or Alcoholic Beverage" signs up at some of the baseball fields in the Township. Jim O'Neill will visit all of the fields this coming weekend and report at the next meeting.

Ice Skating Rink

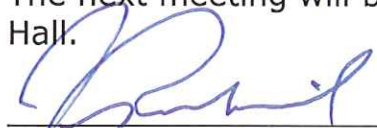
Jim O'Neill is looking into an ice skating rink for the winter months at Scenic River Retreat. He is shocked over the estimated cost of a rental for \$80,000. He is awaiting an estimate for interlocking panels which he will discuss further at the next Park Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

Joe Rosboril made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm which was seconded Claudia Toth and unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.



Joe Rosboril

Chairman  Secretary
Julie Johnston

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