



Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Dave Jirsa. Bert Diehl, Jim O'Neill, Glenn Kinter and Rick Webb were present at Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Dave Jirsa moved and Glenn Kinter seconded to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023 as written. Motion carried, 5-0.

Old Business

Concert in the Park

The Hickory Rockers are set for July 15th at Scenic River Retreat.

Floating Dock

Bert Diehl commented that the quote for the floating boardwalk and dock are not state term. A quote must exceed a certain dollar amount for the Township to send the job out for bids. Trustee Andy Bushman will discuss this with Zoning Inspector Jim Herringshaw to get a generic spec list together so the job can go out for bid. Mr. Bushman will mention the project to the other Trustees at their meeting tomorrow evening. The bid packet can be worked on but not go out for bid until the Trustees have approved the project. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners has approved the pending project, but the Army Corps of Engineers, at this point, has not. Jeff Atchley of Metalcraft Docks said he would look into this matter.

Nature Works Grant and Disc Golf Course at Nero Nature Preserve

Dave Jirsa reached out to a concrete and landscape company to get a quick estimate. He also sent an email to Board members outlining the costs of a Disc Golf Course. He also wants to give the Trustees an idea of what the Townships commitment would be (approx. \$3,000). Dave Jirsa offered to write the grant once he hears from the designer.

Pickleball Court Update

The pickleball court sign has not been moved to the other gate yet. Jim O'Neill offered to move it.

Scoreboard Update

The scoreboard is done and operating.

Landscaping Work Recap

Todd Ray thanked Board members for their help on getting rid of some phragmites and other invasive species from the swampy area at Sherman and Auburn Roads. Jason Vatty from the Road Department was there with a track hoe to assist in the work. An old ash tree (dead) was removed along with other unwanted plants. Colleen Sharp of Geauga Soil and Water District will talk with the Army Corps of

Engineers to determine what we can use to fill some of the swampy areas. There is more work that needs to be done. It was a good start and now is a time to wait and see what will transpire to determine the next step.

Trail Head Maps

Jim O'Neill and Bert Diehl hung the map in the trail head kiosk at Scenic River Retreat. It fits perfectly and looks great. The size for Nero Nature Preserve map must be determined. Dave Jirsa will measure the board it will be placed on.

Lower Parking Lot at Nero

Dave Jirsa mentioned that grass is growing through the gravel, and it does not look good. Maybe the Road Department can spray the gravel and put more gravel down or tack coat the top.

New Business

Flyers & Plexiglass for Kiosks

Event flyers have been put up at the parks. Nero Nature Preserve lost one flyer to the wind. One of the two kiosks at Nero Nature Preserve need plexiglass to protect flyers and information (trail map) from the weather. The bulletin boards at Township Park by Pavilion #2 and the small kiosk by Emmons Pavilion also needs plexiglass. Scenic River Retreat kiosks are good.

Porta Potty – Nero Nature Preserve

Dave Jirsa pointed out that the porta potty has been at the parking lot on Bean Road since the beginning of April. Secretary Julie Johnston will call the company and have it relocated immediately.

Community Day Picnic Games

A list of games from last year's picnic was passed out to Board members for their review with more discussion at the next meeting.

Townhall Park -Tire Swing

A replacement tire swing will be ordered. Since this is the second time this tire swing has been replaced, members are curious to know if the cold weather may be advancing the cracks of the plastic. Board members agreed that the tire swing should be removed during the winter months to possibly prevent further damage.

Bert Diehl moved and Dave Jirsa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Motion carried, 5-0. The next meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:15 at Nero Nature Preserve.



Dave Jirsa, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent