



Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Art Hollis.

Present: Art Hollis (Chairman), Claudia Toth (Vice), and Jim O'Neill

MINUTES

Art Hollis made a motion which was seconded by Claudia Toth, to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2014. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flea Market September 6, 2014 planning

Jen Evans and her troop will sell concessions at the Outdoor Flea Market in Emmons Pavilion. Park and Recreation Board members will bring water and extension cords to the event. Members will meet at Munson Township Park at 7:00am to sign in vendors. Jim O'Neill will put up the Flea Market sign at the corner of Bass Lake and Mayfield Roads.

Fishing Derby September 13, 2014 planning

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is unable to attend. They have provided hand-outs and gifts for event attendees. ODNR has also awarded us with a \$500 grant to accompany the \$300 budget the Trustees recently approved. The Park Board will need two pop-up tents and a table for brochures. The Road Department will clean the tables at Scenic River Retreat if needed. The rules and regulations have been updated and 100 copies will be made for the day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Art Hollis asked Park & Recreation Board members if they had a chance to read over their Mission Statement. Members plan on attending the Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 to voice their opinions. Some Park Board members feel that there is a major disconnect between them and the Trustees. Some members feel that they are wasting their time with various projects that go nowhere, for example: playground at Town Hall, fireplace at Scenic River Retreat, parking lot and paths at Nero Nature Preserve, etc. Park Board members have put numerous hours into research, planning and meeting contractors and all of the projects seem to fall off the list with nothing ever getting done. The Park Board feels as though they are spinning their wheels. The Trustees gave the Park & Recreation Board a timeline for the playground at Town Hall which was approved. Shortly after that, mold was found in the attic above the Fire Station. The playground was put on hold until that issue was resolved since the Trustees did not know what the mold mitigation would cost. Mr. Hollis finds it hard to believe that the mold issue came up at this time and not sooner. He also wonders why a Park & Recreation Board is even needed since an exploratory committee could do the same thing. Some members feel that the Trustees don't value the hours spent on projects that never come to fruition. The ideas don't seem to merit a Park & Recreation Board. Members stopped doing park checks since Kristy Bluemmel is doing them. Some of the members do not see the added value for the Township to have a Park & Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Claudia Toth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:30pm at Munson Town Hall.



Claudia Toth

Chairman



Julie Johnston

Secretary

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