

Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by Dave Jirsa with Bert Diehl, Jim O'Neill, Rick Webb and Glenn Kinter present at Munson Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Dave Jirsa moved and Bert Diehl seconded to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023 as written. Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 4-0.

Organizational

Nominations

Jim O'Neill made a motion which was seconded by Glenn Kinter that nominates Bert Diehl as Chair and Rick Webb as Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2024. Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 5-0.

Event Dates & Budgets

The Board discussed the 2024 events. Secretary Julie Johnston will contact a couple bands to see who has July 20th available for a concert in the park. Glenn Kinter mentioned that a holiday Christmas concert would be nice in the community room. Bert Diehl made a motion which was seconded by Dave Jirsa to approve the event dates as follows and the Board will pin down dates for concert(s). Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 5-0.

Event Dates and Budgets:

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30 (\$700)
Indoor Flea Market - Saturday, April 6 (\$500)
Fishing Derby - Saturday, June 15 (\$400)
Concert(s) in the Park - to be determined (\$1,000)
Community Day Picnic - (\$13,500)

2024 Projects

Scenic River Retreat Dock, Floating Boardwalk

The Park Board's intent is twofold. First, it would like to install a 25-foot floating dock on the pond at Scenic River. Second, the Board would like to install an approximate 240-foot floating boardwalk along the waterway in the northeast section of the park. Installation of this floating boardwalk would allow Auburn Road parking lot connection to the rest of the park and result in longer hiking trails. Trustee Andy Bushman is the primary liaison with Jeff Atchley (owner of Metalcraft, which would provide both structures). The Park Board would like cost information so that it can present recommendations to the Trustees in time to have at least one of the structures installed this calendar year. The Park Board's understanding is that the Army Corps of Engineers must approve the floating boardwalk before it can be constructed. This approval action may take several months.

Nero Park Disc Golf course - Preliminary design of a 9-hole disc golf course at Nero Park has been completed. Dave Jirsa will send a sketch of the proposed course layout to all Board members. The Board's intent is to have 9 new disc baskets concreted into the ground this coming year. Concrete tee boxes will be designed and installed at a later date once their placement has been evaluated and decided upon.

Boy Scout Pavilion and Lean-to - The local Boy Scouts have discussed a possible project with Trustee Andy Bushman. The project would construct a pavilion with a lean-to near the Township Hall maintenance shed area. The lean-to would be used to house the Boy Scouts trailer. The Boy Scouts would finance this project; no Township funds would be utilized. The project must be approved by the Board of Trustee before the project can be started. The Park & Recreation Board members are okay with the conceptual idea of this project.

Old Business

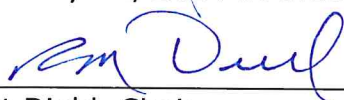
Eagle Scout Project

At the December 2023 meeting, the Board discussed a few options for Colson Christie's Eagle Scout project. The kiosk at Scenic River is a larger version of what is wanted at Nero Nature Preserve. Colson Christie mentioned he may be able to build benches in addition to the kiosk. The Township has extra polywood in stock that can be used for the benches if they are added to the project. The Board would like them to be the same style as the ones that are around the pond at Scenic River Retreat which was a previous Eagle Scout Project. The Park & Recreation Board would like to see a diagram noting the design and measurements prior to construction for both the kiosk and benches. Bert Diehl made a motion which was seconded by Jim O'Neill that the Eagle Scout project this year is a kiosk and an undetermined number of benches at Nero Nature Preserve. Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 5-0.

Other

Trustee Andy Bushman mentioned that there was vandalism last weekend at Township Park on Bass Lake Road. Motorcycles turfed up the grounds and we believe the Sheriff caught the vandals. Regarding the library boxes, Rick Webb will update members next month after he attends the general meeting by United Way. Bert Diehl commented that the kiosk at Scenic River Retreat needs attention and will send the office pictures.

Dave Jirsa moved and Rick Webb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Passed unanimously. Motion carried, 5-0. The next meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:15 at Munson Town Hall.



Bert Diehl, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent