

Minutes of the  
Munson Township  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chair Bert Diehl, Jim O'Neill and John McCreery was present. Joe Herczak was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Minutes**

Bert Diehl moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019 as written. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Girl Scouts will be packing the giveaway candy bags for the Easter Egg Hunt. This year they will insert a small Fishing Derby flyer for additional advertisement. Next year we need to tighten up the times for the Easter bunny arrival and the hunt. The Boy Scouts will be asked to help spread the plastic eggs in the grass. Board members are asked to meet at 9am the day of the event.

**Old Business**

**Flea Market Review**

The Flea Market was successful raising approximately \$1,200 towards the Scholarship Fund. The final dollar amount will be known once all of the newspaper ads have been paid. Vendor spaces were sold out and the shoppers were plentiful.

**Scenic River Trail Update**

Trustee Irene McMullen informed the Board that the State of Ohio requires an archeological survey even though we don't think we are close to an archeological site. We have received quotes and they came back higher than anticipated. Zoning Inspector Jim Herringshaw talked with the Ohio History Connection (formerly Ohio Historical Society) and they sent a non-profit organization, Stewards of Historical Preservation, to quote the archeological site with the estimate totaling \$6,524.00 which was considerable lower than the others. The start date for the trails is July 26 if the archeological survey is completed. Bert Diehl made a motion which was seconded by Jim O'Neill that the Park & Recreation Board accepts the proposal of Ohio History Connection to perform the archeological survey at Scenic River Retreat in preparation of the trail project. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Originally there were three contractors chosen to quote the trail construction job with one contractor bowing out. Sumner Creeks Contracting LLC and Davey Resource Group submitted their quote. Pete McDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy was present with each of the contractors. Mr. McDonald expressed that extra boardwalks are not necessary but the price is on the quotes just in case there is a need for them in the future. Mr. McDonald would like to stay involved with the contractor we choose. Both contractors are very good and have a good sense on the scope of work. The Geauga County Building Department requires a drawing of the bridges prior to any building. Bert Diehl made a motion which was seconded by John McCreery to go with Sumner Creeks Contracting LLC as the selected contractor for the proposed trail construction at Scenic River Retreat. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Stewards of Historical Preservation are trying to coordinate with the Boy Scouts regarding the fishing dock and the paper work that is needed.

#### Rain Garden Update

Trustee Irene McMullen updated the Board that Willian Bingham Foundation is the lowest quote for the rain garden at Township Park and there will most likely be a surplus which can go to the rain garden at Scenic River Retreat. The grant money does not go to the township but the Township approves the rain garden plans. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners are in the process of drawing the garden and they will contact the low bidder to install the rain garden. The students from Munson Elementary School who are making stepping stones will place them in the garden. The baseball team has also volunteered to help and the Master Gardeners would like to offer help to students as they have their presentation.

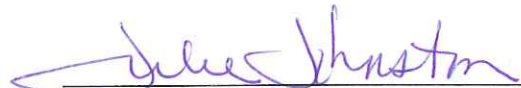
#### Munson Township Baseball Fields

Jim O'Neill visited Township Park on Sunday and it was still rough and unkempt. He returned two days later to find there were people working on it. The Trustees received an email stating the area will be cleaned and ready to start batting cages this week. There was mention of a possible plaque in the dugouts recognizing the builder.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.



Bert Diehl, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees  
Fiscal Officer  
Road Superintendent