

Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Minutes

Bert Diehl moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018 as written. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

New Business

Nominations

Jim O'Neill made a motion which was seconded by John McCreery for Bert Diehl to remain Chairman and Joe Herczak to remain Vice-Chairman of the Park & Recreation Board for 2019. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Rain Garden – Munson Township Park

Munson Township has been awarded a grant for \$8,300 from the William Bingham Foundation for a rain garden at Munson Township Park. Park Board members will come up with a game plan for its construction with Trustee Irene McMullen. Trustee Andy Bushman told members that the Geauga County Extension Office offers a "How to Build a Rain Garden" book. Residents Dave and Barbara Partington are very happy the grant was awarded to the Township and feel this rain garden will be a showcase for Munson Township. The rain garden will also be used by Munson Elementary students for various projects throughout the year. Bert Diehl would like to be the liaison with Munson Elementary School for this project.

Indoor Flea Market – Saturday, March 23

Registration forms have been sent to past vendors. There will be a dollar admission fee again this year. Secretary Julie Johnston will call the Cheerleaders to see if they would like to sell food the day of the event.

Old Business

Munson Township Baseball Fields

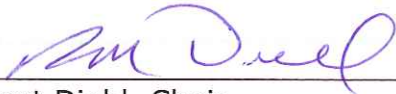
The dugouts have been approved. As soon as the weather breaks, the building can begin. The senior students involved with the batting cages visited Zoning Inspector James Herringshaw and all has been approved. The final location has not been determined yet. If it were located closer to the center wooded area more fields can take advantage of its use. The group of senior students will notify the Trustees for their approval once the final location has been chosen.

Scenic River Trail Status

The Boy Scouts are looking to do a conservation project on April 27th and would like to take the existing trails and cut back the overgrown vegetation. The volunteer hours can go toward the grant. The exact amount of money towards the trail project will be determined when the Townships permanent appropriations are set. Between the two awarded grants, private donations and the Township's contribution, members feel the total amount of trail contributions will be approximately \$40,000. The wetland delineation may be Grandfathered in.

Mr. Bushman was told that The Army Corps of Engineers will have to send a letter stating this. The Trustees would like three trail bids for a primitive style trail. Joe Herczak has concerns that users will be discouraged from using the trails unless they have a proper surface (such as stones or gravel) to walk on, as the trail will run through areas where the path will be wet and muddy throughout much of the year. Mr. Bushman will contact Pete McDonald from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and convey Mr. Herczak concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.



Bert Diehl, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent