

Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, December 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Claudia Toth.
Present: Claudia Toth (Chair), Jim O'Neill, and Joe Rosboril

MINUTES

Joe Rosboril made a motion which was seconded by Jim O'Neill, to approve the meeting minutes from November 11, 2014. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Breakfast with Santa

Boy Scout Troop 91 did a great job with the events 223 guests. The final expense report will be completed as soon as the receipts are turned in. Next year the breakfast will be offered as follows; 1st seating at 8:00am and 2nd seating at 9:30am. Proceeds from the Santa photo's went to the Boy Scouts with approximately the same amount of photo's sold as last year. The events food supply was perfect and all went smooth. The new facility worked out well since it accommodates more people.

New members

There are still two vacancies for a Park & Recreation Board member. Robert Diehl, in attendance, has expressed interest in becoming a member. Current members feel that five (5) members is the perfect amount to complete the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review work request forms

Newly revised park check forms were passed out to members. They are similar to the ones used years ago. When the forms were used, any needed repairs that cost less than \$500 were okay to go forward with. Anything over \$500 needed approval from the Board of Trustees. Park and Recreation Board members are working toward that now with the implementation of the new forms. Baseball clubs that use the fields take care of the infield and the township pays for cutting the outfield. The soccer fields are not used by many groups and the township is responsible for maintaining them. Members will start their park checks in April 2015 and the maintenance checks in June 2015.

2015 calendar of activity

The schedule of events for 2015 will be determined at the next Park & Recreation Board meeting scheduled for January 12, 2015. April- Easter Egg Hunt, May and September- Fishing Derby, August- Community Day Picnic, and in December- Breakfast with Santa. The dates will be presented to the Trustees for their approval.

January meeting

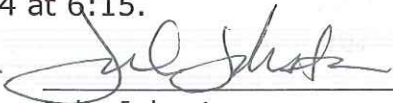
Mowing contracts were emailed to Park & Recreation Board members. They will come in handy for members and their park checks. Scenic River Retreat needs landscape attention and Park Board members would like to make recommendations. Joe Rosboril suggested that members go there now to make recommendations in case the Road Department has time if weather allows. The rain gardens are over grown and also need attention. Avalon Gardens helped with them when they were installed. Park & Recreation Board meetings can be held at the parks during of the warmer months.

Claudia Toth suggested that members walk the trails to verify trail markers. The map of the Vita Course located at Munson Township Park needs updating. The new map should be laminated and put up at the kiosks so residents can utilize the course. There are no capital improvements planned for 2015. The tennis court repairs will most likely eat up the budget if it is completed in 2015. The township has spent \$14,000 in the past on tennis court repairs. Those in attendance were asked if they use Munson Township parks. They responded with Munson Township Park for baseball and Nero Nature Preserve but the trails were too rough. Ms. Toth suggested a clean-up day and will look into the possibility of having one in 2015. The assignment to members is to compose a list of things they feel the township should do to make the parks better. A survey went out to residents a few years ago in the newsletter and it may be a good idea to have another one in the near future. Some board members stated that residents have some confusion between Munson Township Parks and The Geauga Park District. Ms. Toth is still thinking of a snow day at Scenic River Retreat, the only township park that offers a hill for sledding. Since there is not a fireplace, a 50 gallon drum or a fire ring may work. The Fire Chief would have to okay the idea before a snow day could be planned.

ATTACHMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, January 12, 2014 at 6:15.

 Chair  Secretary
Claudia Toth Julie Johnston

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