

Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, March 11, 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 February 11, 2019 as written. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

New Business

Eagle Scout Presentation

Aiden Mann presented his Eagle Scout project idea to Board members. Mr. Mann would like to build a 10' square dock at the end of a 10' long deck walkway on the southwest side of the pond at Scenic River Retreat. The footers will be anchored into the bottom of the pond with concrete. Mr. Mann would like the project to be completed by September 2019. Eagle Scout projects are typically Scout funded through donations. Trustee Irene McMullen and Park & Recreation Board members concurred that Mr. Mann must contact the Geauga County Building Department since they may require plans for their review. The Army Corps of Engineers may need to approve the concrete footers. Since the pond is out of the wetland area it may not be required.

Bert Diehl has concerns with this project since he does not know who will maintain the dock in the future and what liabilities the Township may have. Joe Herczak suggested Mr. Mann should build the deck and walkway with composite decking since it will look good for many years with little to no maintenance required. He suggests talking to the Building Department first to find out the environmental requirements since it is in/on the water. The Park & Recreation Board is not ready to vote on this Eagle Scout project since there are too many unanswered questions at this time. Mr. Diehl suggested to Mr. Mann to attend the Trustee meeting on March 12, 2019 to let the Trustees know the project is not Park Board approved yet and that there are phone calls to make.

Old Business

Scenic River Trail Update

There are two quote from well-known reputable companies; Davey Resource Group and Sumner Creeks Contracting, LLC. Part of the grant requires the Ohio Historical Society to review the historical value since it is near an old millstone located by the mill. We will also need authorization from the Geauga County Building Department along with a flood plain engineer stamp of approval. Once the plan has been submitted to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, they will provide us with a letter for our files. The Boy Scouts would like to do an Earth Day project, install trail markers, lay brush or logs on either side to show where the trails will be or cut small trees or brush from the trail area.

Township Park – Rain Garden Update

The rain garden project is administered by Chagrin River Watershed Partners who will contact the Township once they have all of the quotes necessary. Trustee Irene McMullen suggested looking at Munson Township businesses for donations. The Master Gardeners met and they will soon decide if they will donate \$500 for the

plant needed at the rain garden. Munson Elementary School students will be working on a stepping stone project and putting up a pole that says "peace on earth" in four different languages along with bird houses at the end of the school year celebration. The Rain Garden at Scenic River Retreat that was installed many years ago looks weedy now. If there are any extra plants from the installation of the rain garden at Township Park they can be planted at Scenic River.

Indoor Flea Market – Saturday, March 23

Members are asked to meet at Town Hall at 6:45am to direct vendors to their flea market spaces. There are two spaces available and all of the newspaper ads have been placed along with advertising on Craigslist.

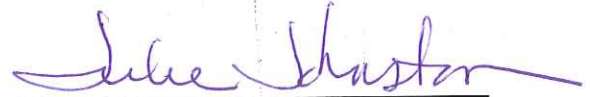
Munson Township Baseball Fields

Jim O'Neill visited the park last week and noticed that the cement block is done but they are both uncovered with the wood not in place yet. The batting cages in the right field are moving along. Mr. O'Neill's greatest concern is the poor condition of the grounds around the fields. The people who tore down the dugouts disrupted the French drain behind the dugouts. The messy grounds and the broken French drain will need to be repaired.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:15pm at Munson Town Hall.



Bert Diehl, Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent