

## Minutes of the Munson Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Dave Jirsa, with Jim O'Neill, Bert Diehl present at Town Hall. John McCreery was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### Minutes

Dave Jirsa moved and Bert Diehl seconded to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021 as written. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### Eagle Scout Project Ideas

Ryan Downs is interested in constructing a trailhead for Scenic River Retreat for his Eagle Scout project. Board members discussed the new location since the current location of the trailhead at the northeast corner of the lake is no longer valid. The new trailhead should be placed at the southeast corner where one enters the trail towards the wood line. It would be nice to have some of the trail's history like the plaque in the pavilion which offers the parks history, and it would also be a good guide for the design. Park Board members would like for Ryan to prepare a plan and present it to the members for their approval. There are also many trailheads at the Geauga Parks to get additional ideas.

#### Pickleball Courts at Township Park

John McCreery emailed Board members and Zoning Inspector Jim Herringshaw plans for a pickleball court. Mr. Herringshaw has contacted three vendors for quotes. The area will also have to be fenced in. Depending on the quoted dollar amount, the project may have to go through a bidding process. More information will follow.

#### Online Survey

Dave Jirsa thought it would be a good idea to wait until 2022 for a park survey since they are best answered at township events. Since the pandemic, events have been cancelled. The Board is currently working on the projects (pickleball) from the last survey.

### **New Business**

#### Project Request List

At the last meeting, Trustee Andy Bushman asked Park & Recreation Board members to compile a list of changes they would like to see in the parks within the next few years. The Board members came up with the following:

**Nero Nature Preserve** - disc golf, remove electrical connection in parking area and take it below grade and cover, purchase (or obtain necessary easement documents) for "connection" the land between Nero Nature Preserve and Munson Township Park and develop a plan to connect the parks via walking trails, add a parking lot at the top of the driveway so residents can enjoy the park in the winter

months, build restrooms, improve the existing walking trails, create new walking trails on the northwest section of the park for cross country skiing, possible roads to the pavilion since people drive up to the anyways and add a large shelter/pavilion where the old building was.

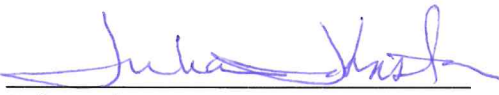
**Munson Township Park** - spruce up existing restrooms, add ADA walkways, build a bridge across the ravine between the girls' softball fields and the baseball field, finish construction of concrete dugouts and construct an additional dugout, add a pavilion at south end of ballfields (possibly with restrooms), add a paved walkway connecting all three fields.

A Board member asked if there was any news of Stewart Landies building a new shed this year by the girls' softball field between fields #1 and 2.

Jim O'Neill moved and Dave Jirsa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Passed unanimously. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2021

  
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John McCreery, Chair

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Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees  
Fiscal Officer  
Road Superintendent