

Minutes of the  
Munson Township  
Park & Recreation Board Meeting  
Monday, March 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Bert Diehl. Jim O'Neill, Rick Webb and Glenn Kinter were present at Town Hall. Dave Jirsa was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Jim O'Neill moved and Rick Webb seconded to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 as written. Motion carried, 2-0.

**Old Business**

Concert in the Park

We are still looking for a band that is available on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The office will call a couple more bands this week.

Master Project List

Trustee Andy Bushman, Todd Ray, Bert Diehl and Jim O'Neill met with Jeff Atchley of Metalcraft Docks to get an estimate for a floating walkway at Auburn and Sherman Roads which will connect to the trails at Scenic River Retreat (approx. \$85K). They also obtained an estimate for a floating fishing dock on the pond at Scenic River Retreat (approx. \$11K). Park Board members need to prioritize the project list that will be presented to the Trustees at their next meeting on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

1. **Scenic River Retreat** (est. \$85K) Install approximately 200 linear feet of boardwalks along the edge of the waterway, located near the intersection of Sherman / Auburn Roads.
2. **Scenic River Retreat** (est. \$12K) Install T-shaped fishing dock on the pond.
3. **Munson Town Hall** (est. \$75 K) Pavilion construction at south end of ballfields (possibly include restrooms).
4. **Munson Township Park** (est. \$7 K) Spruce up existing restrooms.

Bert Diehl moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to recommend forwarding the top four priority list projects as voted on, to the Trustees. Motion carried, 4-0.

Glenn Kinter commented that restroom access is troublesome at baseball games held at Town Hall Park. He asked if it would be possible to open Town Hall for people to use the restrooms during off hours. Mr. Kinter has also heard complaints that the primary playground is for 5 years and older. The younger children don't have a place to play. Jim O'Neill mentioned that the playground gets used a lot, especially during baseball games.

The land between Township Park and Nero Nature Preserve came up in conversation. Fiscal Officer Todd Ray said he talked to the owner many years ago and he did not seem interested in selling that property. It would be difficult to

construct in that area without a variance since it is wetland and bedrock. Bert Diehl commented that this is something that is possible in the future, but everything will have to fall into place for it to happen.

Photo Contest

Photo contest info is in the newsletter. The prize will most likely be a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Flea Market – Saturday, April 1

Park Board members are asked to meet at Town Hall at 6:45am to welcome vendors. Secretary, Julie Johnston, will have everything ready for the day.

Electric Hook-up Scoreboards

Replacement electrical panels will be installed since they are a better grade for outdoors. The scoreboards will have an on/off switch in the dugout. The job should be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business**

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th


Park Board members are asked to meet at Munson Township Park at 9:30am. The Boy Scouts will help with the egg placement. The Easter bunny will arrive at 10am on a fire truck with the hunt to begin at 10:15am.

Other

Fiscal Officer Todd Ray came to the meeting to discuss phragmites. He recently talked with the residents who live next to the river on Sherman Road, and they are very happy that something will be done with that area. Mr. Ray also did some research and found that we can get a permit from Geauga Soil & Water to fill in up to a 10' area with soil. This will shrink the wet area and will make it easier to control the invasive weeds. Mr. Ray would also like to talk to the EPA to find out what area we can make more manageable. There are many invasive weeds in that area that need to be pulled out so the natural plants can take over. Mr. Ray suggested a Saturday morning workday to see what can get done. Board members are looking forward to helping. It would make the entire corner look better. Board members are all okay with Mr. Ray heading up the project.

Bert Diehl moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Motion carried, 4-0. The next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:15 at Town Hall.

  
Bert Diehl, Vice Chair

  
Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees  
Fiscal Officer  
Road Superintendent