

Minutes of the  
Munson Township  
Park & Recreation Board Special Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm by Dave Jirsa with Jim O'Neill, Rick Webb and Glenn Kinter present at Munson Township Park. Bert Diehl was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Dave Jirsa moved and Rick Webb seconded to approve the minutes of July 31, 2023 as written. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Old Business**

Community Day Picnic - Recap

Board members agreed that the event went well. The bubble gum (Bubble Yum) was much better than last years. Next year, members would like for the games to be held 12-2pm and the magic show start around 2:30. The pies were a big hit as always. Andy Bushman ordered more than needed, 14 apple/cherry pies should be a good amount for 2024. When revisiting games, consider changing the 3-legged race to a sack race.

Concert in the Park - Recap

The grass was wet from the rain the day before. The approximate 50 people that showed for the rescheduled event seemed to have a nice time. Next year the Board may want to put on two concerts. Glenn Kinter mentioned that Late October, November or December 2024 in the community room may be a good idea. There will be further discussion on this topic next year.

Scenic River Retreat Dock, Floating Boardwalk

Members inquired about separating the floating fishing dock from the boardwalk quote so maybe one of jobs can get approved. Trustee Andy Bushman said that they can be done separately but we must have two separate quotes. Jim O'Neill moved and Dave Jirsa seconded to move forward with the fishing dock in the pond at Scenic River Retreat. Motion carried, 4-0.

Disc Golf Course - Update

Rick Webb and Dave Jirsa met at Nero Nature Preserve. The Nature Conservancy mentioned that a disc golf course can be put in certain areas and there is a possible grant for it. The Road Department would have to brush hog the entire center area at the park. The time frame needed for building was not discussed. Jim O'Neill said to get the ball rolling this fall, the grass needs to be cut now. The Northeast Ohio Disc Golf Association will design a course once the field is cleared. Dave Jirsa moved and Rick Webb seconded to request the centerfield at Nero Park be cut by October, 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, 4-0.

## **New Business**


### Organizational

In January, the Board will choose a new chair and vice chair along with setting meeting dates for 2024. Dave Jirsa suggested that the Board not meet for November and December since the parks are closed.

Rick Webb noticed the Koelliker tree on town hall grounds is looking a bit stressed. It needs pruning and fertilizing. The Board also mentioned there are some areas in the parks that need landscape attention. At Township Park the rain garden is overgrown with weeds, the weeping tree under the flagpole needs trimming, the rock wall outside of Emmons pavilion is falling etc. Glenn Kinter moved and Dave Jirsa seconded that the Park & Recreation Board will develop a landscape renovation plan for all of the Munson Township Parks. Motion carried, 4-0.

Lately, it seems that people have been stopping at Scenic River to eat, making a mess with their food, and leaving. On two separate occasions, chicken bones were left on the tables and ground along with other food messes. Cameras may be the way to go with this problem. Dave Jirsa moved and Rick Webb seconded to investigate cameras for the parks. Motion carried, 4-0. Jim O'Neill asked about the dirt piles by the scoreboards. Mr. Bushman will talk the Road Superintendent Kirk Walker about the dirt and spraying weeds on the baseball fields at Town Hall Park. Dave Jirsa moved and Glenn Kinter seconded to request funds from the Trustees to cut the designated trails at Nero Nature Preserve and Scenic River Retreat one time this year. Motion carried, 4-0.

Dave Jirsa moved and Rick Webb seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. Motion carried, 4-0. The next meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:15 at Munson Town Hall.

  
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Dave Jirsa, Chair

  
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Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees  
Fiscal Officer  
Road Superintendent