

Minutes of the
Munson Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Dave Jirsa. Jim O'Neill and Rick Webb were present at Munson Township Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

Dave Jirsa moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 as written. Motion carried, 3-0. Dave Jirsa moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 as written. Motion carried, 3-0. Let the record reflect that Bert Diehl attended the August 8, 2022 meeting.

Old Business

Scenic River – Trailhead Signboard

The corkboard for the signboard has been purchased. The Road Department will install it when it comes in later this week. The hasp has been repaired.

Parking Lot at Nero Nature Preserve

Road Superintendent Kirk Walker stated at a previous meeting that the service department can install a parking lot at Nero Nature Preserve for 6 or 7 cars. Park & Recreation Board members would like to know if this is planned for this year. The parks will close on October 28th.

Scenic River – Floating Boardwalk

Trustee Andy Bushman spoke with Jeff Atchley regarding the floating boardwalk. They plan on meeting with Bert Diehl in the near future but nothing is scheduled at this time.

Pickleball Court

The court is installed. Carron Asphalt Paving needs to paint the court and install the fence. Secretary Julie Johnston will call to get the anticipated completion date.

Tennis and Basketball Courts

Members commented that the job looks half done. The basketball court needs paint and a free throw line. The Road Dept will replace the basketball nets.

New Business

2023 Landscaping

Dave Jirsa noted that the trails at Nero Nature Preserve have not been cut by the landscape contractor lately. They are overgrown to the point where the trails are not accessible. He asked if cutting the trails is part of the landscape contact and if not, could it be added next year. Mr. Bushman said that it could be added.

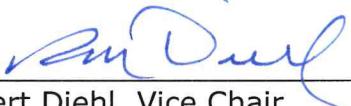
Public Comment

Mr. and Mrs. Partington are very interested in helping with the floating boardwalk if it comes to fruition. They would also like to keep the Munson Township parks looking nice. They feel the picnic tables at Township Park need to be painted and

are offering to purchase the paint and all the supplies needed to paint them along with finding a volunteer group to do the work. They asked if the Township had a sand blaster or pressure washer that they could borrow.

Fiscal Officer and park enthusiast Todd Ray was in attendance. He has a concern regarding the tall invasive phragmites growing at the same location discussed for a floating boardwalk. He talked with Road Superintendent Kirk Walker regarding spraying them when they are smaller in size because it would be too difficult in the fall when they are massive. When they get tall it is recommended to cut prior to spraying. Mr. Ray will talk to the neighboring property to keep them in the loop so they don't think someone is doing this without township permission. He also added that he is seeking Park Board approval to call Carmella Shale at Geauga Soil and Water District to see if the Township can put a foot of soil in that area, so we are able to cut it with a mower. Board members concur with Mr. Ray's phone call.

Dave Jirsa moved and Jim O'Neill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Motion carried, 3-0. The next meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:15 at town hall.



Bert Diehl, Vice Chair



Julie Johnston, Secretary

cc: Township Trustees
Fiscal Officer
Road Superintendent