

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
May 2, 2016**

Present: Judi Bedell Deutscher, Mike Gordon, Marcia Pedzinski, Pauline Washington

Absent: Jim Bergerson

Judi Bedell Deutscher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and the proposed minutes of the April 4th regular meeting were presented. Washington makes a motion to accept the minutes; Deutscher seconds; motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Gordon presents invoices from Shell and Joy's Johns; other expenses included fuel and handicap signs for Pepper Martin.

Correspondence:

The quarterly newsletter from the Cass County Parks Department was received, as well as a catalog for park supplies.

Old Business:

Estimates were received for the purchase and planting of shrubs and foliage for the recreational trail around the lower parking area at Pepper Martin. After some discussion the matter was tabled until the Board can reassess what is needed to complete the project.

New volleyball nets were ordered and installed at Pepper Martin and Sholtey.

Opening day for HTBL was April 30th; there was a good turnout despite the weather and there were no significant problems reported.

New Business:

After some discussion regarding the upcoming tournament to be hosted at Pepper Martin and the crowd it is expected to bring in, it was decided to ask HTBL to pay for an extra dumpster for that weekend. Deutscher will contact the HTBL rep.

Park Supervisor's report:

New towel dispensers were installed in the restrooms in the Pepper Martin pavilion and new handicap signs were put up at Pepper Martin. The board was reminded that the park supervisor will be looking for someone to contract in the fall to do the leaves, as it was too much for the township equipment to handle efficiently this year.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pedzinski, seconded by Gordon.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 6, 2016 @ 7:00pm and will be held at the lower parking lot of Pepper Martin, weather permitting, to assess needs for completing the recreational trail.

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary