

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
June 6, 2016**

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

The monthly meeting of the Howard Township Park Board was held on the grounds of Pepper Martin Park. Chairman Bergerson 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 May 2nd regular meeting were read. Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes; Deutscher seconds; motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

No report at this time.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence this month.

Old Business:

HTBL rep Jason was contacted regarding procuring an extra dumpster for the weekend of the upcoming tournament that will be hosted at Pepper Martin Park. The Board will order the dumpster and will forward the invoice to HTBL for payment.

After further assessment of the designated area for the recreational walking trail around the lower parking lot of Pepper Martin, it was suggested to mark more of the trail using split rail fencing instead of planting shrubs. This would serve the purpose of marking the trail and require less upkeep. After walking the trail to get an estimate of spacing, it was decided to purchase 400' of fencing to mark approximately halfway around the parking area, with the intent of completing the remainder of the trail next year or as funds become available. The park supervisor will get 2-3 estimates and present outcome to the Board at the next meeting. Deutscher will also check on fill material to level some of the parking area adjacent to the recreational trail to prevent flooding and washouts.

Owen's Lawn Care was contacted for an estimate to do leaf pickup in the fall. Pedzinski makes a motion to approve up to \$1000, seconded by Gordon; motion approved.

It was pointed out that although the budget for the current year was approved, the raise for the Board that was included in the budget has not been put into effect. Deutscher will check into this.

New Business:

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the park attendants were not notified of recent pavilion rental at Pepper Martin to be able to open the bathrooms, etc. Deutscher will contact the Township office to give the attendants a listing of rental dates to avoid this in the future.

During the walk-through of the lower parking area, it was noted that there are no trash receptacles placed in the parking area and there were several items littered near vehicles. It was decided to bring down 1-2 trash barrels to the lower parking area to encourage keeping the park clean.

Park Supervisor's report:

Nothing significant to report as the park supervisors are being kept busy with park upkeep and maintenance for the season.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary