

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING  
PROPOSED MINUTES  
August 7, 2017**

**Present:** Judi Bedell Deutscher, Jan Gordon, Denise Kasprzak, Marcia Pedzinski

**Absent:** Jim Bergerson

Deutscher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and the proposed minutes of the July 10 regular meeting were presented. Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes; Kasprzak seconds; motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:**

Invoices for the month included reimbursement to Jason for netting, tree limb removal, split rails, general maintenance supplies, electric, Joy John, trash/dumpster, fuel, and electric inspection of pavilion at Jones. Expenditure report was presented and reviewed. Discussion included question of whether to keep larger dumpster at Pepper Martin or go back to smaller one for off season and possibly creating reference file of contractors that would include copy of liability insurance.

**Correspondence:**

Board members were all invited to Open House/Birthday party for Johnny Rodebush, Saturday August 12 from 1p-4p at First Church of Christ on Yankee Street

**Old Business:**

Surveillance cameras are still in the process of being installed at Pepper Martin

HTBL season is over, are working on different projects at the fields. Still planning on fall ball in September. OSB will be using the fields this coming weekend.

Deutscher still working to get 3 estimates to replace shed damaged during vandalism

Gordon still working to put together invoice totals to compare with insurance reimbursement to determine total amount remaining.

**New Business:**

Deutscher suggests purchase of surveillance signs for other parks; discussion followed. Tabled until next month's meeting.

Question was raised of use of practice fields in the township, as there have been some reported issues. Verbal understanding that it should be first come, first serve. Pedzinski will draft letter to send to local leagues to clarify policy.

There was some discussion regarding options for the old township hall building/property as community feedback is received regarding the absence of an available meeting place.

After necessity to clear stools in both bathrooms this past weekend, it is recommended that bathrooms be checked following weekend rentals, prior to returning security deposit. Deutscher will communicate this to the Township Office and the park supervisor will check the bathrooms on Mondays following a rental and contact the office with findings.

**Park Supervisor's report:**

Some large tree limbs were down at Sholtey, damaging some of the split rail fencing. The tree limbs have been removed and fencing repaired. Notification of plugged stool in the bathroom at Pepper Martin was not received until late Friday and so was not fixed until following Monday (today); required use of Thornton's plumbing to assist. Equipment is being painted at Hatcherville. Still busy with mowing after all the recent rains.

**Public comments:**

There were no public comments.

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Pedzinski, secretary