

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING  
PROPOSED MINUTES  
February 6, 2023**

**Present:** Debbie Floor, Jan Gordon, Marcia Pedzinski, Erika Pickles

**Absent:** Don Cross

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and the proposed minutes of the January 2023 regular meeting were presented, Floor made a motion to accept the minutes, Pickles seconds, motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Current invoices included electric for all parks, Motion made by Pedzinski to accept the report as presented, seconded by Floor, motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Email sent to deputy clerk 1/17/23:

On behalf of the Park Board, I would like to request ARPA funds for needed improvements to our parks.

Improvements would include but not limited to: playground equipment for all parks, bathroom repairs/upgrade at Pepper Martin Park, field lighting replacement at Pepper Martin.

I would propose \$50,000 for improvements to the parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Gordon, Chair of Howard Township Park Board

In response, the Township Trustees approved \$75,000 covid relief funds to be spent by 12/31/2024

**Old Business:**

- Plumbing in bathroom of concession stand at Pepper Martin: Gordon will contact Roberts since did not receive estimate after their assessment
- 2023-2024 budget for the parks has been submitted
- Assistant Park Supervisor position: the job has yet to be posted by the township, but some applications have been received
- Light poles at Pepper Martin: portions of the downed pole still have to be removed; removal of other poles pending
- Michigan Spark outdoor recreation grant application: Round 2 application due in spring 2023; table until next meeting

**New Business:**

- Park improvements/playground equipment: after discussion, it was recommended each member to make wish list for individual parks and bring to next meeting; park supervisor to advise what pieces would be best removed for safety sake
- Niles Service League Easter egg hunt is scheduled 4/8/23 from 11a-12noon at Pepper Martin; Floor will reach out to the Howard FD for presence

**Park Supervisor's report:**

- Still working on trees and branches at Pepper Martin

**Township Park reports:**

*Hatcherville/Cross:* absent; no report

*Jones/Gordon:* nothing new to report

*Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski:* nothing new to report

*Pepper Martin/Floor:* nothing new to report

*Sholtey/Pickles:* branch down on fence

**Public comments:** n/a

A motion to adjourn was made by Floor, seconded by Gordon

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023 @6p

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Pedzinski, secretary