

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
April 5, 2021**

Present: Debbie Floor, Jan Gordon, Marcia Pedzinski

Absent: Don Cross, Erika Pickles

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 March 2021 regular meeting were presented, Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes, Pedzinski seconds, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Gordon presents in absence of Treasurer - Invoices included electric for all parks for March, fuel, basketball nets (12), disc golf supplies (Lowe's – including discount), and tractor maintenance repair (\$4201.20). Floor makes a motion to accept the treasurer report, Pedzinski seconds, motion passed.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Dead trees at Sholtey & Jones: quotes were received from Watson's (\$4050) and Kachur (\$5600); following email/phone contacts the bid from Watson's was accepted and the trees have been removed
- Disc golf at Jones Park: conference call with Sebastian during this meeting addressed questions/concerns and offered update on progress of the project. Topics of discussion included use of soccer field area; recycling of old park materials for use in course; signage needed around course to maximize safety; construction of a raised T-pad for one hole; designated parking areas in anticipation of course play/use; possible tournament hosting; social media presence; and current financial status. The Board approved the following: recycling of materials as able; FB page with the stipulation that a Board member be one of admins; purchase of baskets with use of current funds. The Board disapproved the request for planting saplings in the baseball outfield. The following items will be discussed further at future meetings: integrated use of the soccer field for course play and parking; other designated parking and signage; final outlay of course. Plans were made for the designer to physically walk the course with Board members, the Park supervisor, and the Township liaison on Friday, April 9th.
- Cement pads under bleachers at Pepper Martin continue to be on hold
- HTBL: signed contract has been turned in with season fee; waiting on copy of insurance; opening day scheduled for May 1st but there will be no parade this year
- OSB: request for use of fields at Pepper Martin granted with the stipulation that the league must coordinate schedule with HTBL who has primary use privileges; wording of new contract approved by Board and copy given to OSB representative to be returned to office with fee and copy of insurance before first play on fields.
- 2-year plan for park upgrades: discussion regarding purchase of playground equipment and other park improvements tabled until next month due to absence of 2/5 members
- LQC challenge: deadline for application is June 15th; information has been distributed to all Board members; discussion tabled until next month due to absence of 2/5 members

New Business:

- Water testing: Floor will contact Garrett Labs and get samples to them from Pepper Martin and Jones parks; need negative results before concession can use water

Park Supervisor's report: Parks are open; tables in pavilions are set up and reservations are already being received; swings are up; port-a-johns are at all parks

Township Park reports:

Hatcherville/Cross: absent; nothing new to report at this time

Jones/Gordon: plans for disc golf course are progressing quickly

Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski: nothing new to report at this time

Pepper Martin/Floor: nothing new to report at this time
Sholtey/Pickles: absent; nothing new to report at this time

Public comments: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Floor, seconded by Gordon
The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary