

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING  
PROPOSED MINUTES  
May 1, 2023**

**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 April 2023 regular meeting were presented, Floor made a motion to accept the minutes, Gordon seconds, motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Gordon presented current invoices including electric at all parks, trash, fuel, new leaf blower, and misc supplies. Motion made by Pedzinski to accept the report as presented, seconded by Floor, motion passed. End of fiscal year expenditure report was distributed to members.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

- Plumbing in bathroom of concession stand at Pepper Martin: still being worked on, hopefully will be completed this week
- Light poles at Pepper Martin: two quotes have been submitted for equipment to take care of this: \$1146 from CAT and \$689 from Michiana Rental
- Park improvements/playground equipment: consultant still working on quotes, they will include installation; also preparing diagrams of recommendations for each area
- Contracts received for 2023 season from HTBL and Jones Park Disc Golf League
- Painting of rental pavilions at Pepper Martin as well as 3 benches by the Brazo pavilion at the horseshoe pit – tabled until next meeting
- Fence repair at Sholtey and Kiddie Korral – pics have been taken for insurance claim, Gordon is in contact with Custom Fence Repair for quotes for repair/replacement, as needed
- Water testing completed; all results were negative
- Second leaf blower has been purchased

**New Business:**

- Grant applications for SPARK (MI DNR) and LQCC (Realtor Assoc) – Floor looking into these
- Following some discussion, Gordon makes a motion to initiate an updated 5 year Master Plan for Howard Township Parks, seconded by Pedzinski. The previous Plan from 2009-2014 was shared and will review for upcoming meetings. Consulting with Nelson Slavik for grant research and applications

**Park Supervisor's report:**

- Was able to fix spring horse at Kiddie Korral and has a top fence rail that might fit the broken fence there; leaf removal has been completed

**Township Park reports:**

*Hatcherville/Cross:* absent; no report

*Jones/Gordon:* nothing new to report

*Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski:* getting a lot of use with the warmer weather

*Pepper Martin/Floor:* opening day was well attended, last 3 games got cancelled due to weather

*Sholtey/Pickles:* absent; no report

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 5, 2023 @6p

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Pedzinski, secretary