

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
September 14, 2015**

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

Absent: Pauline Washington

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 August 3rd regular meeting were presented. Gordon makes a motion to accept the minutes; Deutscher seconds; motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Expenses this month included fuel, labor for mower repair and drain cleaning at PM last month. There was a question regarding invoices for electric at Pepper Martin, Gordon will contact the office about these. An update on expenditures for the year was presented.

Correspondence:

Pauline had hip surgery today, will send a card.

The Parks lawn mower is in the shop for repairs on the radiator, injector, and mower PTO circuit. It also needs a new deck.

Old Business:

Electric has been installed at Kiddie Korral in the form of 100 amp service.

Blacktop has been completed on the drive to the lower field parking lot at Pepper Martin; stone is still to be laid down each side. Some stumps still need to be ground down or covered; the park supervisor will check into this.

With the ball season over it is time to work on the new recreational walking trail off the lower parking lot at Pepper Martin. The Board will meet at PM next month to assess the need for foliage/shrubs and re-mark the walkway.

Estimates are still being collected for constructing bathroom facilities at Jones Park.

HTBL update: Another local ball organization has approached the League and is requesting to use the fields. Following discussion, it is recommended a representative from the organization attend next month's meeting. In the meantime, the Board will look into accessing the original contract agreement with HTBL to determine guidelines and responsibilities. There was also beginning discussion of expanding the press box and storage space in the future.

New Business:

It was brought up that other elected officials receive pay when a meeting is missed. Following discussion, Deutscher makes a motion that the Park Board follow suit and that members of the Board receive their set pay even when missing a meeting. The motion is seconded by Gordon. Roll call vote is taken with all present in favor; motion passed. The office will be notified of this decision, to go immediately into effect.

Since it has been determined that the Parks mower is in need of a new deck, a bid was presented for \$3010 which includes both parts and labor. Following discussion, Pedzinski makes a motion to accept the bid and replace the mower deck, seconded by Deutscher. Roll call vote was taken with all present in favor; motion passed. The park supervisor will order the new deck and get it installed.

The handicap parking area at Pepper Martin needs to be re-marked and it is suggested to also put up a split rail fence to help set off the area. This will be scheduled for the early spring.

Park Supervisor's report:

Touch-up painting has been completed at Jones, Kiddie Korral should be completed by September 18th. Painting will be done at the other parks as time allows. Winterizing of the parks will begin the 1st of October.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 5, 2015 @ 7:00pm and will be held in the pavilion at Pepper Martin.

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Pedzinski, secretary