

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
October 7, 2024**

Present: Debbie Floor, Jan Gordon, Teri Hable, Marcia Pedzinski

Absent: Erika Pickles

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken. Minutes were waived as not available for September meeting.

Treasurer's report: Gordon presented invoices for electric and port-a-johns at all parks, fuel and truck maintenance, miscellaneous supplies from TSC, and Simmons' tree work at Pepper Martin per contract. Motion made by Floor to accept the report as presented, seconded by Hable, motion passed. Current expenditure report was distributed to members and reviewed; included adjustment to contract services.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Simmons has completed tree trimming and clearing at Pepper Martin, invoice was submitted
- Wolverine will be working to replace floodlights in Pepper Martin parking lot
- Discussion of light poles on Field 1 at Pepper Martin needing to come down continued, quote from Wolverine for \$3100, tabled issue for now
- Still waiting to receive quote from Roberts for shut off and winterization; this will also include guarantee when turning things back on in the spring
- Consideration of doing away with annual agreements for disc golf and just posting expectations on FB page to make known to all groups/individuals using the course; will discuss further at future meetings
- Playground equipment: plans for replacing older slides at Pepper Martin and Kiddie Korral next spring, as well as a 4-seat swing at Pepper Martin in toddler area
- 5 year Master Plan – ongoing project

New Business:

- HTBL: opening day May 3, 2025; 2025 season tournaments scheduled for May 30th - June 1st and July 25-27; have guy lined up to winterize sprinklers; will finish cleaning out and closing up concession stands this week for the winter
- Have contacted representatives of both HTBL and Disc golf regarding alcohol on the premises and hope to have no further issues
- Discussed individual "disturbing the peace" at Jones Park, will continue to monitor the situation and record all complaints to determine if further action is needed
- Gate access and parking issues at Jones: suggestion was made to expand parking and create designated parking beyond the gate to accommodate growing use of the facilities; will discuss this further at future meetings
- Winter sledding: will consider opening park on designated day(s) as we did last year, putting notifications on FB page; dependent on weather
- Discussion of removing/replacing split rail at Pepper Martin parking lots; both a safety and aesthetic issue; will discuss further at future meetings

Park Supervisor's report: working on closing the parks; will make contact and supervise leaf removal as season progresses

Township Park reports:

Hatcherville/Hable: nothing new to report

Jones/Gordon: nothing new to report

Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski: nothing new to report

Pepper Martin/Floor: nothing new to report

Sholtey/Pickles: nothing new to report

A motion to adjourn was made by Pedzinski, seconded by Floor
The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 11, 2024 @6p

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary