

Richfield Township Park Board Meeting

August 23, 2023

Called to order 6:00 p.m.

Pledge

Public in attendance

Roll call present

Rob Lindley

Furgeson, Jeff – Chairperson

Jerry Mynarcik

Hertzberg, Jason - Vice-Chair

Pam Scott

Alexander, Tula - Secretary

Roll call absent

Connors, Bob

Kary, Roberta

Ritter, Jerry

Potter, Greg

Correspondence- None

Motion to approve July 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Jason, 2nd by Jeff. All ayes.

NOTE: GPP abbreviation stands for St. Helen Garden Pathways Park.

Campground Shower/Restroom Project. Jeff reports twp is still waiting for EGLE approval.

USDA Farmers Market grant and DNR/DTE Tree Grant. Tula gave update. DNR will announce awards in mid-October on tree grant. Tula and Roberta to meet Scott Bell at Lapham, West Branch office on August 31 to review first draft of site plans.

GPP: Bob gave update: Jason to assist in installing benches now that trailer is available. Foot traffic connection to twp. campground/park on Airport Rd. still needs work. CHA Cross Country Team will use GPP for meets again. Jerry Mynarcik mentioned reports of ORV's entering park from railroad easement area. Cost of installing fence to stop ORV's from entering park was discussed. Approx. 3900 ft fence would be needed. Park is strictly for non-motorized use beyond the designated parking lot area entrance located on North St. Helen Road.

T-Ball, Soft Ball and Hard Ball. Discussion on replacement and relocation of fence, backstops. Jason discussed exploring idea to have one field developed for hard ball across the street. Vehicles could park at 'parking staging area' across campground. This would also help curve ORV problems in this area. Also mentioned that Travis Rd has utility poles since R1 is behind this area. Pam suggested forming committee for ballfields. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Bob to form investigated ballfield committee. All ayes. Committee formed with following: Rob Lindley (citizen), Jason and Bob (park board members).

Park & Rec Director: Discussion on need. Plus, difference between director vs. manager. Duties and roll of such titles. Pam will continue to explore pros and cons of this idea. IE: benefits to twp parks as they have continued to grow and expand resulting in increasing facility & grounds maintenance and management. The public have expectations when visiting a public park.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, 2nd by Jason/ All ayes. Time 7:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tula Alexander