

1 April 29 2014 Park Meeting

2 The regular Birch Run Township Park Board meeting was called to order @ 5:30  
3 pm by Chair Fred Sheridan. Members present, Chair, Sheridan, Secretary, Bill  
4 Nelson, Park Board Member, Ramon Rosa and Park Board Member Lisa Kiessling.  
5 There were 2 audience members in attendance.

6 No previous meeting minutes were presented, and as such were not approved at  
7 this meeting.

8 **EDITOR'S NOTE**

9 *The usual format for the Park Board meeting is the Park Board members are*  
10 *emailed the minutes recorded by Secretary Nelson and forwarded to Mr. Rosa, the*  
11 *next business day following the Park Board meeting. The Birch Run Township Clerk*  
12 *is requesting ALL Birch Run Township boards and committees follow a universally*  
13 *accepted, by the Michigan Township Association (M.T.A.), format for the*  
14 *recording of these minutes. Every effort was taken to follow the*  
15 *requested/required format.*

16 No agenda was submitted, and as such, the Chair led the meeting.

17 Chair Sheridan related that PFY is willing to take care of getting a contractor hired  
18 and pay the brunt of the cost for ball diamond repair. Chair Sheridan said he  
19 prefers the Township pay 50% of the cost as a budget item. Mrs. Kiessling said if  
20 the PFY is willing to stand the cost, why not let them. Mr. Rosa said it's the  
21 Township's responsibility to maintain the park and he thought that 50% was  
22 MORE than fair. Mr. Rosa discussed the Park funds. He stated there is NO Capital  
23 outlay carry over from the last fiscal year. Documents were presented to support  
24 the lack of carry over. Mr. Rosa asked Chair Sheridan if the intent of the  
25 Township Board was to get the funds from this year's budget or was the fact that  
26 the lack of funding carry over an oversight in the Township budgeting process.  
27 Chair Sheridan stated he would check and report back. The Park Board was shown  
28 a news article regarding the potential preparation of food at the concession  
29 stand. Chair stated this is not an issue as there will NOT be food preparation at  
30 the concession stand, that the stand was not developed for that and the  
31 concession stand was intended as a prepackaged food (snacks) only operation.

32 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Summer Blast is set for the 30-31 of May, 2014. The event will not be using the permanent restroom facilities. They will be renting Porta-Potties. Friday night will be registration for the 5-K run/walk race. Rotary is running an entertainment tent Friday night. Birch Run identification of any kind will allow free entry Friday and Saturday. It was said that this is not (emphasis provided by commenter) a chamber event, it is a community event. Several groups will be conducting their own fund raising efforts and are coordinating all of these through the event. There are far more things that are scheduled for this event than listed here, Mr. Rosa will be supplied with a written list of the entire event tomorrow.

Mike Szukhent (Birch Run Chamber of Commerce) asked that the Twp. Board consider the limitation of alcohol for events in the Park. Mike Szukhent will supply Chair Sheridan with the City of Flushing's language regarding their (Flushing's) alcohol language.

There was discussion on the electrical service available at the park. The Park Board had no answers regarding the potential electric service and how many amps the service is or what could be available. Chair Sheridan will check with the Township Water Department (DPW?) to confirm the electricity and report back to Mike Szukhent.

Conversation followed on the potential of expansion of this event in the future. As he was finished, Mr. Szukhent and his guest exited the meeting.

#### **PARK BOARD DISCUSSION**

The Park Board immediately started discussing the limitation of alcohol for events as requested by Mr. Szukhent. There were great questions about how and who any limiting of alcohol be referred to. The concern prominent, was liability insurance and wrongly giving preference to one type of a group over another.

Date for the next meeting of the Park Board is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Having no other conversation regarding Park issues,

**PASSED** Motion by Rosa supported by Nelson to adjourn, Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned @ 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Nelson, Secretary.