

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE
MARCH 26TH 2013 MEETING

Committee Chair Fred Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

- Fred Sheridan
- Ramon Rosas
- Lisa Kiessling
- Ryan Mc. Reynolds
- Connie Putnam

Also Present:

- Kelly Haggart (PFY)
- Mike Hogan

On the PFY Golf Cart: Kelly Haggart and Mike Hogan spoke on behalf of the PFY about a request for temporary storage and the possibility of permanent storage at the park for their PFY golf cart and ball diamond maintenance supplies. The PFY would pay for any costs associated and would request a contractual agreement with the Township Board. Fred Sheridan suggested the PFY get with Paula to put them on the agenda for the next regular meeting, where they can outline a plan "A" "B" and "C" and submit it to the Township Board at the April 9th Regular Meeting.

The Park Committee received a copy of the latest revision of the "Park and Recreation Master Plan" submitted by Lisa Kiessling. Lisa reviewed the changes and updates to the plan. Specifically highlighting the results received from the surveys that were collected. Lisa also asked the committee to review the draft and submit any questions or possible changes prior to the next meeting for review. Further, Lisa requested that the committee begin to submit ideas for park improvements to be included in the plan. Additionally, Lisa asked if anyone had experience with "barrier free" requirements for parks. A copy of the public hearing notice was requested for the Master Plan file. Also, parcel count was requested for inclusion in the Master Plan.

On the Drag; Fred Sheridan remarked that he would contact Mr. Ziecina and plan to get together with him the weekend after Easter to pick up the drag. Ramon Rosas remarked that Ray Letterman said he would look into getting someone to donate "tractor time" to work over the fields. Lisa Kiessling also remarked that she or her husband Kurt, or father Lee Sims may also have access to a tractor that may be able to utilize the drag to help with the ball fields also.

Fred Sheridan also mentioned he would get measurements needed for excavation for the "train set" in order for quotes to be pulled to get this work done and allow the trains to be installed.

On the Executive Committee: this item was tabled at this time.

On the Concession Stand; Fred Sheridan remarked that no new information was available at this time. The building remains framed in from last fall, with the sand compacted and the concrete floor poured. He also mentioned that the steel was in for the roofing and the siding was in also. Further, Fred commented that he has a crew ready to go on the installation as soon as the weather breaks. Ramon

Rosas presented information from Frankenmuth and Taymouth Township's about operation and maintenance suggestions regarding concession stands.

On Diamond Dust: Fred Sheridan mentioned that he would call former Township Clerk Amy Cook to see if she could remember the last amount of diamond dust ordered for the park; the idea was that this would help shed some light on the amount of dust required to maintain the ball fields each year.

On Vandalism: Ramon Rosas remarked that vandalism had occurred at the park in the form of local youths driving around in wet areas of grass around the sledding hill near the south entrance of the park. Ramon further remarked that quotes for restitution and repair of the damages had been pulled and that the Township Supervisor Ray Letterman was following up with the police to have this issue resolved.

On Park Maps: Ramon Rosas reviewed information received November 30th, 2012 from Dan Hoffman of Saginaw County GIS regarding quotes for maps at the park. The quotes were for a "D" sized (2'x3') map for \$20 each or "E" sized (3'x4') maps for \$30 each. The committee discussed the idea of installing a few of these maps throughout the park with labels showing the location where it was installed. The plan was to have the committee collaborate on the locations of the proposed map installations prior to the next meeting. Lisa Kiessling requested an 8 ½" x 11" scale map of the park for inclusion in the Park Master Plan Draft.

On the Circus; as no member of the Park Committee had received any information, nor had any member been contacted with an update, this item was tabled at this time. Fred Sheridan remarked that he would contact Mike Szukent of the Birch Run Chamber of Commerce to see if he could get further information.

PASSED: Motion to Adjourn by Fred Sheridan; support by Ramon Rosas at 9:10pm.

Yeas: Sheridan, Rosas, Kiessling, McReynolds, Putnam

Nays:

Respectfully Submitted by: Ramon T. Rosas