

1 Birch Run Park Meeting May 21, 2013

2 Meeting called to order with the pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00Pm by chair, Fred Sheridan

3 Members in attendance;

4 Bill Nelson

5 Fred Sheridan

6 Ramon Rosas

7 Ryan McReynolds

8 Lisa Kiesling arrived @ 7:03pm

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10 A Quorum IS established

11 **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no Public present.

12 Motion by Ryan Supported by Ramon to accept the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. It was noted that  
13 there were gaps in the minutes that were to be filled in by Township personnel. Motion carried,  
14 unanimous.

15 **NEW BUSINESS**

16 7 on 7 football league. Football coach contacted Twp., office from Gilliam for use on July 27 but  
17 the park had been rented by the Trinklein family for that day. Ramon interceded and spoke to both  
18 parties, there is no conflict, both will be able to use the park. Lisa asked if there is enough parking for  
19 250+ people. Ramon communicated this to both participants. They will deal with it.

20 Fred spoke on the light poles and that Mr. Bruce Worthing wanted to buy or offer a trade in services for  
21 the old light poles. Lisa said Kurt wants to put the poles up in the park and or use them on the new  
22 water tower property. Fred said it makes no sense to sell for scrap prices and then buy replacements.  
23 Fred will speak to Supervisor, Letterman.

24 Past practice has been that park rental has been that if the park is rented, the renter gets to pick the  
25 field(s) they want. The Park Board needs to establish something more formal as to what field/facility  
26 goes with what rental...

27 Ramon spoke on the unavailability of park facilities for the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' softball for one time in this  
28 week. Again, Ramon interceded and spoke to both parties and worked out an arrangement.

29 AYSO and PFY have new commissioners and are working well with each other! Lisa spoke on the fact  
30 that a field goes with pavilion rental. There is apparently no such ruling. Again, The Park Board needs to  
31 establish a formal policy for rental of park facilities. If someone has rented the pavilion and is

responsible for damage deposits for SOLE use of the pavilion, then if there are other families/organizations are using the park, who then is responsible for potential damage to pavilion facilities? How would rental of fields and/or pavilion be separated???

**Comments on the policing of the Park.** If the BR Village police are no longer policing outside of the Village DDA, who will respond if there is a call? It is unclear where and when the Village Police are responding to this board. Fred will speak to BRPD chief and see what is happening with the Park.

Fred will speak to the Supervisor on this issue, also on the Light Pole issue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Complaints on aggressive unleashed dogs. Fred and Supervisor Letterman have spoken with some park users and the issue seems to be resolved. There was still discussion about Park Rules signs. The Park Rules ARE on the Township website and are also posted in the park.

#### **The Park Committee overview;**

Cory Trinklien, Township Clerk, asked Ramon about the Park Committee. **RAMON, INSERT THE LETTER HERE.**

The Twp. Board is directly taking action recommended by this board and implementing the suggestions established by this body. A precedent has been established that this body has authority. The question was asked, is there was a Park Board established by the Twp. Board as resolution 2001-01. It was suggested that the Twp. Board should have adopted PA 156 and then delegate the authority of this body. *Reference Twp. Board resolution of March 31, 1990.* The BR Twp. Board needs to address this situation. In recent past, there has been a question about the ordering of Diamond Dust. While the dust needed to be ordered, there was a question on whose authority it was ordered. As reported, Ramon spoke with Supervisor Letterman and Water Department Director Thomas and both had agreed the dust needed to be ordered. It was, but the question still exists, who HAS THE AUTHORITY to order for the Parks? The same can be said of the scheduling for Park use, WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SCHEDULE PARK USE? THERE NEEDS TO BE A FORMAL ACTION TAKEN BY THE TWP. BOARD!!!

The Twp. Board NEEDS to designate a staff member(s) that handles Park issues. The potential is there for someone, anyone to say, the BR TWP. Staff has no obligation to address Park issues and that there should be no Twp. Time spent on the park.

#### **RAMON INSERT THE TWP. BOARD PFY Letter Here.**

The Drag, We have it and Ramon has been using it. Supervisor Letterman had donated an additional piece of earthwork equipment and Supervisor Letterman has seen that there is a tractor available for using the soils equipment.

#### **PARK PLAN**

Fred said that Lisa can report on this. Lisa spoke on the results of the plan and the survey.

66 Ramon gave out 400 copies of the survey and is starting to get some back. Lisa asked if these surveys  
67 should be included in the results or if they should be included as an adjunct because there has  
68 been a deadline for the surveys from the mailed surveys. It was decided that these additional  
69 surveys be recorded as a focus group.

70 There seems to be a light as to where the "lost" minutes ended up. Apparently, there were only 3  
71 people in attendance, none of them from the public. Lisa, Kurt, and Fred were the only ones  
72 present. THIS BEGS THE QUESTION, Can this Body set and conduct a Public Hearing? It is  
73 assumed that the Clerk is the person that sets the Public Hearing dates as is done now for the  
74 Planning Commission, the ZBA etc!

## 75 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

76 No action can be taken until the Twp Board acts on the issues listed above.

77 **The Concession stand**, Fred gave a report on the progress on the Concession Stand.

78 **Diamond Dust**. It is ordered, delivered and used.

79 **Vandalism**. Supervisor Letterman has told Ramon that there has been a warrant issued for the offenders  
80 and prosecution is moving forward.

81 **Maps**. The maps came in today. They were \$35 each for 4 maps. Fred spoke that we need some 4X4's  
82 and a little bit of lumber and move forward with map instillation. Discussion followed that these  
83 maps needed to be shielded to avoid or reduce the solar loading, resulting in far less fading.  
84 Ramon will check with Birch Run Glass on this.

85 Ramon and Fred spoke on the expenditures and revenues for the budgeted items.

86 **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no public.

87 **FYI Issues...**

88 Eagle Scout, Jacob Fox has been approved by the Twp. Board for his Bat Houses in the Park. There will  
89 be 4 of them.

90 Donation Concern... \$600.00 was donated to The Park by the 5K Run last year. The deadline for the use  
91 of these funds is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September 2013. Ramon offered suggestions for the use of  
92 these funds... Some landscaping, and perhaps 4" Yellow tile for Ball Fields 3 & 4 fences. Maybe a  
93 light pole/flag pole... Fred suggested the \$600 be used for beautification of the Flag Pole area.  
94 There was discussion on the Tennis Court nets. In the past, there were Brass Plaques that were  
95 installed on previous donations from community groups and individual citizens. Ramon  
96 commented on how PFY and AYSO have been so easy to work with and that they are working  
97 well together as well. PFY is also looking for referees and groundskeepers. They will train and  
98 give volunteers a whistle and shirt...

99 The June Meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm @ the park.

100 Motion made to adjourn by Ryan seconded by Bill, Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 Pm.