

# Park Advisory Committee Meeting

## 06 November 2013

### Meeting Notes

#### Members in attendance:

Fred Sheridan

Ryan McReynolds

Ramon Rosas

Lisa Kiessling

#### Guest(s) in attendance:

Mike Szukhent, Birch Run Area Chamber of Commerce

Fred started the meeting and led the Committee in the Pledge at 7:15pm.

Ramon Rosas went over the Budget. There is an overage on line item 751.727 of \$47. However, Ramon pointed out that a Capital Outlay for the drag was misapplied to the maintenance line item. Fred will recommend to the Township Board that the budget is adjusted to move the \$360 drag purchase from the maintenance line item to Capital Outlay line item.

Ramon pointed out that there is no Expenditure line for Donations. We need to add a line item for Expenditures for Account #689. Fred will make the recommendation to the Township Board.

Mike Szukhent from the Birch Run Chamber attended the meeting to discuss the possibilities of the Township taking over, or participating in running the Summer Blast for 2014. The Chamber will NOT be sponsoring it next year, but there has been interest expressed from other groups. The Rotary, Lions, Moose VFW and Tri-to-Finish have all expressed interest and the American Legion and Catholic Church might be interested too. Mike already spoke with some of the groups and one of the weekends recommended is June 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone on the board spoke positively about the possibilities. Fred will talk to the Township Board about it. Some ideas for the event include a softball tournament, a volleyball tournament, an entertainment tent with beverages. The Chamber would only play a supporting role. Mike said some of the successful events at past Blast events included: Birch Run Idol and Beautiful Baby. Mike recommended the Rotary for the entertainment tent because they would have the necessary liability coverage through the main Rotary organization.

The Committee reviewed the draft of the Park and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan. Fred will take the plan to the next Township Board meeting. He will recommend they review it, advertise to meet the public input/review

requirements, and schedule the requirement public input meeting for December.

Fred reported that the excavation for the Train placement area is done. The gravel needs to be installed and the train placed. The train will be placed in the spring. It will be stored in the new DPW building for the winter. The crew will apply a few coats of sealer as time allows over the winter so it's ready in the spring.

Ramon reported that the new sidewalk to the Schoolhouse is done.

Fred reported the landscaping around the concession stand will be done and he will finish the building on Friday, weather permitting.

Ray reported the park has been appropriately winterized for the season.

Fred reported that AYSO has approached him about running the concession stand during the season. The Methodist and Catholic Church have also indicated they are interested.

Ramon recommended developing a recycling program in the park at some point in the future. He will talk with MWI to see what all would be involved.

Next meeting will be at the Township Board Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) to be available to answer questions about the Park Plan.