

1 Tuesday, March 20th 2012 Birch Run Township Park Committee meeting

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3 Bill Nelson, Fred Sheridan, Ryan McReynolds, Ramon Rosas, Lisa Kiesling, Mike
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5 Fred spoke of people that expressed interest in the Park Committee but have not
6 shown up tonight. Lisa asked if the Twp Board came to a conclusion of the monies
7 that are available... Ramon went over the details of the funds... As of today, we
8 have \$1600.00 Raised during fund raising for concession stand... We received a
9 dividend check from the Twp for ~\$9,800. As things stand now, we are short
10 \$1200 for the playground. The 2013 Twp budget is total \$21,530 plus the \$1600
11 raised from the fundraiser. Fred mentioned that he has the digging donated for
12 the building/trailer.

13 Lisa has copies of the survey that can be used for the "public input" that is
14 required for park input from the public. The laws have changed and we now are
15 required to have 2 forms of input from the public. If we do a survey, then we
16 could also do a public hearing, the committee thought this could resolve the
17 requirements for "2" forms of input.

18 Ramon spoke of the "Quote" for prices for signage for the ball diamonds and the
19 soccer fields.

20 Bill Explained the Trolley Line Trail and the ideas that the Friends of the Trolley
21 Line Trail North and the potential plan... Cheryl Hadsall arrived and attempted to
22 explain the need for the Master Park Plan. Discussion followed on what needs to
23 be done to allow for the most potential use for everyone, the township and the
24 FTLTN.

25 Discussion followed on the scheduling of the final draft for the recreation plan.
26 Fred spoke on the spring clean-up phase of the park. Lisa spoke on the
27 accessibility requirements and the need for the funding sources (MDNR) related
28 to accessibility. Fred will address the Twp Board and get a delineation of monies
29 that can be spent on maintenance for the Park. The main Grill in the park is
30 rusted out and needs to be repaired. It is SLOW using this advisory committee to
31 make suggestions and then take them to the Twp board for authorization!!! This
32 committee will meet at the Park at 5pm on Friday the 23rd.

33 Lisa asked who actually owns the School House located in the Park? In regards to
34 the plan, there must be some ownership of the school house. In the event the
35 Historical Society, goes away, who then actually would own the building, Who
36 would maintain the building, If the historical society can't afford the maintenance
37 or the upkeep, then maybe the Historical Society could be asked to remove it
38 from the property or turn it over to the township. It SHOULD be determined who
39 actually owns the building. Perhaps we could work with the Historical Society and
40 even use the School House as a concession stand... MUCH discussion followed.

41 We are going to establish ownership of the school house, proceed with survey
42 revision as needed, Ramon will work on establishing the ownership of the School
43 House, and decide if there is support from the Twp Board for using the school
44 house as a concession stand. The committee discussed the building/trailer
45 options and recommends going with a brick and mortar design. If the School
46 House is owned by the Twp, then this will DRAMATICALLY reduce the cost of a
47 vending area. On Friday, we will get some input from Twp Board members that
48 attend the park tour on thoughts of using the building as a vend point.

49 Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved 8:42 pm.