

Rootstown Park Committee  
4/12/15 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Kevin Lafferty  
Jen Fillmore  
Ron & Jill Conard  
Christy Wise  
Jason Opritza  
Stephanie Farkash  
Linda Hankins, Trustee  
Dave McIntyre, Trustee  
Andrea Steinlechner  
Terri Haddad  
Jordan Michael

The meeting began at 5:00 pm. Neighbors of the park were present to discuss their problem with trespassers on Pfile Drive. They also had increased noise in the fall with soccer going on. The trustees were asked about noise buffers, possibly a mound, also a fence. Terri asked if the Case Avenue gate could be closed to make people go through Cook Road. Options are limited because the park property is landlocked.

Jason presented revised plans from Matt Mosko. A resident asked why the Soccer Club gets use of the land. Linda said they had the biggest need. The Soccer Club representatives expressed frustration at having to defend themselves at every meeting. Jason reiterated the positive feedback they received last season. Another resident asked if dust from the baseball field or driveway would affect soccer games.

Dave said the pond was dug deeper and will be stocked with fish hopefully this year. There are continued concerns about the pond's safety and of a potential increase in trespassers.

Andrea said she was just at Wingfoot Lake and it was full of families. That's not a bad thing. Linda said the township needs a place like that. Unfortunately there's no way to keep people from vandalizing.

The group discussed the plans drawn by Matt Mosko. Option 1 had basketball and tennis by the water tower and all soccer fields together on one side. Option 2 had basketball and tennis by the Clara Root pavilion and a soccer field by the water tower, with the rest on the other side. A concession stand has not been included yet. Everyone agreed on Option 2.

There was discussion of Ravenna, Kent, and Stow having issues with basketball courts and drugs. Terri asked when the baseball field would be used. Andrea said adult leagues play Wednesday, Sunday, and sometimes Saturday.

Terri asked what happens now that everyone has agreed on a plan. Dave said not much; the Ohio Operators Union will terrace the land. Amy asked if they'll do the walking path too. Dave said we'll try to get them to; it'll probably be cinders. The union is going to contact the township so they needed a plan ready by that time.

The trustees agreed to plan on a buffer for the neighbors on Pfile Drive. Dave and Linda adjourned the meeting at 6:15.