

Minutes of the Rootstown Township Park Commission

July 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The following were in attendance:

Jason Opritza
David Bosko
Nick Hammerschmidt

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of April 14, 2016 minutes, motion by David, second by Nick

Trustee report: The Ohio Operators Union is ready to start moving dirt. The EPA has the money for the permit. Soil & Water has approved everything. We do have a master plan, one copy is in Columbus and the other is at the county. Once we have the dirt moved we can look at getting the baseball field in, and part of that money needs to go toward a walking trail.

The results of the paper survey are still not turned in.

The trustees had a budget meeting today. They will not budget money for the park but will use the general fund instead.

Linda suggested finding a grant for rubberized mulch or to build bathrooms.

Would it be smart to put a second playground by the other pavilion? Possibly between the pavilion and the driveway.

Citizens' comments: Jordan Michael said the Swinehart Pavilion is reserved a lot because the playground is there, so there would be demand for another playground.

Old business: Last month each member was assigned a planner to contact about creating a master plan.

New business: There is nothing in the JEDD contract regarding the park. The road department maintains the park, so any money allocated to them can be used for park improvements.

The start date on moving dirt may be the end of July, but the road superintendent was not present to confirm. No word yet on any need for volunteer labor. Nick offered to help organize volunteers if needed.

The fence poles are up along the west side. The piles of asphalt will be used for the driveway.

Breaking up into smaller committees or pairs with assigned duties might be helpful for finding grants. The township has a laptop that can be used during the meetings. Step 2 or another company may be willing to donate playground equipment.

Replacing the dock at the pond is not needed at this time, but maybe some benches around the pond in its place. Community members may be willing to donate benches.

Motion by David, second by Nick to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.