

Minutes of the Rootstown Township Park Commission

August 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. The following were in attendance:

Andrea Steinlechner
Jason Opritza
David Bosko
Nick Hammerschmidt
Delia Paulus

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of April 14, 2016 minutes, motion by Jason, second by David, all in favor 5-0

Approval of July 14, 2016 minutes, motion by Nick, second by David, all in favor 5-0

Trustee report: The Ohio Operators Union is planning to start moving dirt on September 1st. The fence along the Wise property has been completed.

Zoning has requested that the Park Commission research park districts in order to create one for Rootstown and re-zone the park property. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Zoning Commission. The township park is currently zoned Residential R-2. This will also include the Stone Ridge open space, which was donated to the township.

Portage County Regional Planning received a grant to compile information from all of the parks in Portage County including the amenities at each one, potentially to be used in a mobile app. They are also talking about sharing park equipment such as a stump grinder.

Citizens' comments: None

Old business: The field area south of the pond is being considered for a community garden. Linda suggested extending the driveway in order to access it.

New business: A resident requested permission to plant a tree in memory of her deceased husband with a plaque in front of it. The tree would be

either a river birch or red maple. David asked for a description of the plaque. Motion was made by Nick and seconded by Delia to recommend that the Trustees accept the donation of a tree. Vote was 5-0 with all in favor.

Jason suggested designating an area of the park for memorials. There was discussion on whether to move forward with a professional master plan. Once the paper survey results are compiled with the online results, they can be presented to a professional planner.

Andrea suggested that the resident donate money to the township instead and the township can purchase the tree when they are ready. Linda said the installation could be set up with the road crew.

Motion was made by Nick and seconded by Andrea to recommend that the donated tree be planted between the Swinehart pavilion and the playground. Vote was 5-0 with all in favor. The family will be responsible for maintaining the plaque.

Motion by Delia, second by Jason to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.