

# Minutes of the Rootstown Township Park Commission

December 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on December 10, 2015. Those in attendance were Trustee Linda Hankins, Commission Members Brenda Iarussi, David Bosko, Ron Coleman, Mike Fillmore, Jason Opritza, Nick Hammerschmidt, Andrea Steinlechner, Delia Paulus.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda asked all the members to introduce themselves, tell why they wanted to be on the Park Commission and what skills they had that would be helpful.

Next Linda went over what the expectation there was for the Park Commission, including researching for grants, park layouts, equipment, etc. It was also suggested that members attend seminars to learn more about parks as time permitted. Linda also said that Christine Craycroft would be available to come to a meeting to explain what the Portage Parks System has in development. Andrea mentioned that PPG in Barberton received bluebird boxes free of charge from ODNR. Questions were asked in regards to the Natures Work grant that the Township has received, it is designated for fencing and grass for a baseball field and walking paths. David asked if manpower from the Road crew or summer help was available, Linda said that yes some manpower was available and explained that we didn't expect the Commission to do the physical work. Jason asked if there was a restriction on the road going down the middle of the park, he said that it restricts the layout of the park. The general conversation was that the road is there because the electric company has to have access to the high tension wires. Then there was discussion about people getting shocked when moving goals and riding bikes near the high tension wire. This will be looked into.

Curtis Wise, Christy Wise, Ronnie & Jill Conrad expressed their concerns with the park in regards to noise from the park, dust, water runoff, trespassing, and the park devaluing their property. It was previously agreed that a 6 foot mound of dirt would be built along the west boarder of the park with fast growing trees planted on top of the mound. The Wise's questioned that a fence was also agreed upon. Linda had no recollection of a fence and would check with the other Trustees. Mr. Wise also said he wanted Engineered stamped drawings and approval by the Army Corp of Engineers. Linda assured Mr. Wise that these items are in the process of being completed. Brenda suggested that the Wises and Conrads put together a

list of their concerns with the park and how they would like them resolved, keeping in mind the cost of their requests.

Each Commission member drew numbers to decide in what order they would draw for their term on the Commission. The results are as follows:

Mike Fillmore	3 years
Nick Hammerschmidt	3 years
Matthew Orr	3 years
Jason Opritza	4 years
Andrea Steinlechner	4 years
Brenda Iarussi	5 years
David Bosko	5 years
Ron Coleman	Alternate
Delia Paulus	Alternate

At this point Andrea was elected Chairman of the Commission and Jason was elected Vice Chairman.

Trustee Linda Hankins adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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Andrea Steinlechner