

Niles Charter Township
320 Bell Road
Niles MI 49120

Park Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.
January 9, 2017
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Chair Thibault at 6:34 pm. Present were Commissioners: Craig, J. Perkins, and W. Perkins. Also present was prospective Commissioner DeLucia.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Craig motioned to accept the minutes from December 12, 2016, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Thibault. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.
3. **Petitions From the Public:** Request from prospective Commissioner DeLucia for each current Commissioner to have an email address via the Township Office for inquiries, comments, etc. when performing Township business. Commissioner Thibault will inquire with Trustee Vella, who was not present.
4. **Correspondence:** None.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner W. Perkins reported the year end spending was approximately \$12,870 of current record with a few more smaller accounts payable yet to be posted. Commissioner Craig motioned to accept the report as given, seconded by Chair Thibault. All in favor, motion carried. 4-0. The new budget for 2017 is \$15,000.
6. **Park Maintenance Report per Township Trustee Christine Vella:** Trustee Vella was absent due to illness.
7. **Park Reports**
 - a. Community Park: Commissioner Thibault reported there is still a large tree over the north side of the walking trail. He will contact Jim Stover to address it.
 - b. Brandywine Creek Nature Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is good.
 - c. Fulkerson Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reported all is good.
 - d. South Fireman's Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is good.
 - e. Samson Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is good.
 - f. N. Fireman's Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is good.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Commissioner Thibault reported Ferguson of Michiana, Inc. will do another round of root cutting. They are waiting for a break in the snow. Commissioner Thibault shared historical files of the IMRV Trail with fellow commissioners and shared his knowledge of the progress and operations to date. He noted there are some donors who are interested in future and additional donations to support the trail. Also of note, Phase II

includes winding through Brandywine Creek and a HAWK crossing Third St. near Modineer, North of US 12.

- b. The Bell Rd Kiosk no report at this time per W. Perkins.
- c. Community Park shelter roof repairs per W. Perkins are in process and they are waiting for a break in the weather.
- d. Trail camera update as per Commissioner Thibault – no current problems.

9. New Business

- a. Status of prospective Commissioner DeLucia – she will go to the Town Hall and be sworn in this week.
- b. Parks Commission's Goals for 2017 will be decided in the coming months.

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner W. Perkins. Seconded by Commissioner J. Perkins. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm
Submitted by: Commissioner Craig