

Niles Charter Township  
320Bell Road  
Niles MI 49120

**Park Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.**  
**February 13, 2017**  
**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Thibault at 6:41 pm for his last meeting. Present were Commissioners: Craig, J. Perkins, and W. Perkins. Absent was Commissioner DeLucia.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Craig motioned to accept the minutes from January 9, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Thibault. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.
3. **Petitions From the Public:** none.
4. **Correspondence:** None.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner W. Perkins reported we have spent \$19.24 in the first month. Commissioner Craig motioned to accept the report as given, seconded by J. Perkins. All in favor, motion carried. 4-0.
6. **Park Maintenance Report per Township Trustee Christine Vella:** Trustee Vella reported the new budget year is still being constructed and will email assignments for the Parks Commission.
7. **Park Reports**
  - a. Community Park: Commissioner Thibault reported the large tree over the north side of the walking trail has been removed. Commissioner Thibault and his son have donated landscape timbers in the past to shore up the walking trail and is planning to do so again this spring.
  - b. Fulkerson Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is good.
  - c. South Fireman's Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is good.
  - d. Samson Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is good.
  - e. N. Fireman's Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is good.
  - f. Brandywine Creek Nature Park & IMRVT: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is good.
8. **Old Business**
  - a. Commissioner Thibault reported that Steve Slauson from Bike Michiana and the St. Joseph Parks in Indiana started the second phase of the IMRV Trail to Auten is on schedule. Pinhook area is slated for 2018. Sarah and Jill should meeting with Marcy Hamilton of the SW Michigan Planning Commission. Items for discussion include order and timing of tree logging and bat habitat issues.
  - b. The root cutting has ben completed for now.

- c. Community Park shelter roof repairs per W. Perkins are in process and they are waiting for a break in the weather.
- d. Commissioner Jill DeLucia was sworn in at the Township Hall. A motion by current Chair Thibault was made to elect Commissioner Jill DeLucia to Chair the Parks Commission stating on March 13, 2017 as March 12, 2017 will be Commissioner Harry Thibault's last day. Seconded by W. Perkins. All in favor, motion carried.

**9. New Business**

- a. Discussion of the Goals for 2017 for the Parks Commission need to include a "Shade" structure for the ball parks at Fireman's Park.
- b. Discussion of the Goals for 2017 for the Parks Commission should include development of the Ontario Park: signage and possible play equipment.
- c. Trustee Vella will ask the office to run an ad for the open position on the Parks Commission created by the resignation of Harry Thibault.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm  
Submitted by: Commissioner Craig