

Niles Charter Township
320 Bell Road
Niles MI 49120

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jill DeLucia at 6:33 pm. Present were Commissioners: Craig, J. Perkins, and W. Perkins.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner J. Perkins motioned to accept the minutes from February 13, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner W. Perkins. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.
3. **Petitions From the Public:** none.
4. **Correspondence:** Chair DeLucia noted she has received an application from citizen Norm Shefsick to fill the vacant Commissioner position.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner W. Perkins reported we have spent \$1069.23 to-date in 2017. 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 was absent. Chair DeLucia shared a 1/16/14 DRAFT of the previous 5-year plan titled 'Niles Charter Township Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan.
7. **Park Reports**
 - a. Community Park: Commissioner Craig reported all is well.
 - b. Fulkerson Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is well.
 - c. South Fireman's Park: Commissioner W. Perkins reported all is well.
 - d. Samson Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is well and yes, there is still sledding but winding down.
 - e. N. Fireman's Park: Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is well.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Commissioner DeLucia submitted a written report noting recent information on the IMRVT.
9. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion and brainstorming of the Goals for 2017:
 - i. Address the potential needs of Community Park softball field. Chair DeLucia will contact the NBGSA for input.
 - ii. Bike Racks in Sampson Park. J. Perkins will get quotes.
 - iii. The future of "Ontario Park" needs to start to be addressed. We should get input for the Bike Michiana Coalition. Possibly include signage and play equipment.

- b. A motion to accept Norm Shefsick's application to fill the empty Commissioner position from the resignation of Commissioner and former Chair Harry Thibault was made by W. Perkins. Seconded by Commissioner Craig. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Commissioner Craig will contact Wightman for an intro meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm
Submitted by: Commissioner Craig