

Niles Charter Township
320 Bell Road
Niles MI 49120

Park Commission Meeting 6:30 P.M.
June 12, 2017
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jill DeLucia at 6:34 pm. Also present were Commissioners: Sarah Craig, Jordan Perkins, Wayne Perkins, Angela Wesel and Trustee Chris Vella. We were delighted to have visit for the meeting from former member and chair, now private citizen, Harry Thibault.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner J. Perkins motioned to accept the minutes from April 10, 2017, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner A. Wesel. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.
3. **Petitions From the Public:** Citizen Harry Thibault inquired about 6 bridges he built and are now in the possession of the Parks Department. He would like to assist in getting them installed. He contacted Jim Stover and will do so again.
4. **Correspondence:** Chair Jill DeLucia received an email from Jim Stover regarding the history of the Pickle Ball courts and club as an FYI.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** W. Perkins reported there has not been a change in status. No approval needed.
6. **Park Maintenance Report per Township Trustee Christine Vella:** Trustee Vella reported that deterioration on the IMRVT as discussed at the last meeting will be addressed on June 13, 2017 with Jim Stover.
7. **Park Reports**
 - a. **Community Park:** Chair DeLucia stated she will contact Jim Stover in follow-up to Harry Thibault request for installation of the bridges and a fallen tree that needs to be addressed blocking a trail section.
 - b. **Fulkerson Park:** W. Perkins shared a written proposal/quote from Arnt to resurface the basketball courts for \$4,450. Fellow commissioners asked for two more bids.
 - c. **South Fireman's Park:** Commissioner W. Perkins reported the park is being well used. The picnic tables are sinking and almost unusable. They are too deep to pull up by hand. Chair DeLucia will add this to her discussion list for Jim Stover.
 - d. **Samson Park:** Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is well and looking forward to the bike rack installation which has been delayed to address all bike racks at additional parks that are also in need of racks.
 - e. **N. Fireman's Park:** Commissioner J. Perkins reports all is well.
 - f. **Ontario Park – TBD –** Commissioner Wesel will be assigned when the time comes to officially add this park under the auspice of the Niles Township Parks Commission responsibilities.
 - g. **IMRVT:** Chair DeLucia submitted a written report. DeLucia also asked about addressing the overflow of trashcans. Vella will follow up.

8. Old Business

- a. J. Perkins will discuss installation of bike racks with Brett Crouch including new racks for additional parks. We need 4 racks for 3 parks.
- b. Wightman is on schedule.
- c. Angela Wesel still needs a nameplate for the meetings.

9. New Business

- a. Our IMRVT "Open House" is confirmed for Monday, July 31, 2017 at the Township Hall from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. S. Craig will work on refreshment donations.
- b. DeLucia will ask Jim Stover about the Fulkerson Park ball diamond and what can be done about lining the field.
- c. Wesel noted Fulkerson Park has a broken bench that needs to be fixed and poses a danger. DeLucia will add this to her discussion with J. Stover.
- d. Wesel noted that the Brandywine Creek entrance area is the recipient of leaves being dumped. C. Vella will look into this and see if any ordinances are being violated. This falls under the Code Enforcement officer Denise Kasprczak.
- e. Potential Goals for 2017:
 - i. "Ontario Park" needs to be addressed by the Township Board. The Parks Commission should look to 2018.
 - ii. Shade for ballparks. Chair DeLucia will contact Dave Fisher to discuss if shade structures are wanted.
 - iii. Fulkerson Park ball diamond
 - iv. South Fireman's Park improvements
 - v. Trail benches in the new section
 - vi. More bike racks at parks

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Angela Wesel. Seconded by Commissioner J. Perkins. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm
Submitted by: Commissioner Craig