

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
March 1, 2021**

Present: Jan Gordon, Marcia Pedzinski, Erika Pickles

Absent: Don Cross, Debbie Floor

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and the proposed minutes of the February 2021 regular meeting were presented, Pickles made a motion to accept the minutes, Gordon seconds, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Electric for all parks were the only invoices presented this month. Pedzinski makes a motion to accept the treasurer report, Gordon seconds, motion passed.

Correspondence: The Township received an application from Debbie Floor to fill the open position on the Park Board for the remainder of the term. Pickles makes a motion to accept the application, seconded by Pedzinski; roll call vote taken with all present in favor.

Old Business:

- 2021-2022 budget was distributed for review after Township amendments for line items 715-717 regarding Employer's portion of Social Security, Medicare and Unemployment tax respectively.
- Disc golf at Jones Park: With the insurance liability settled by the Trustees, Sebastian Boling and Jim Showman presented a written plan to the Board for a course to be placed at Jones Park. The proposal included a potential layout for the course, potential benefits to the community, and a cost estimate. It is also hoped to involve local businesses for sponsorships and donations of materials to minimize the cost. Following discussion Pedzinski made a motion to give the go-ahead for the disc golf course with the agreement that the Park Board will assist with the final cost of implementation, up to 50% of the current estimate of \$6,671.00. The motion was seconded by Gordon; roll call vote was taken with everyone present in favor. It was also suggested to provide a letter for the Sebastian/Jim to use when contacting businesses and potential sponsors regarding donations of materials, etc. Pickles will work with them on this.
- Dead tree at Sholtey: Pickles continues to garner quotes for this; hope to have it taken care of by the time the parks open in April
- Cement pads under bleachers at Pepper Martin continue to be on hold
- Use of fields/ball diamonds at Pepper Martin: Jason Riggins, HTBL Board member is present to discuss this issue, reporting it has been resolved at the League level at this time. He also reports that although HTBL is still accepting applications for play, the League's opening day is scheduled for Saturday May 1, 2021. Pedzinski will email a new contract to the HTBL Board president, to be returned with fee and a copy of the league insurance prior to the first game.

- 2-year plan for park upgrades: Pedzinski presents recommendations for possible playground additions to the parks, including pictures and prices. Following review and discussion Gordon makes a motion to earmark \$15,000 from the 2020-2021 remaining budget for park improvement/playground equipment. The motion is seconded by Pedzinski; roll call vote with all present in favor. Focus for this year to be Sholtey and Hatcherville; details to be discussed at future meetings.

New Business:

- LQC challenge: application date for the first grant is coming up too quickly but will apply for the second; Board members to consider possible projects for this year in order to make the most of the funds we have available
- Promotion of parks and facilities: With the realization of a newly proposed disc golf course, the general opening of the parks and the possibility of new playground equipment, and a new season of HTBL play, Pickles suggests the Board puts out some information on the Township website as well as the Facebook page to let the community know what is happening and promote all the parks. She will put something together and take care of this in the next few days.

Park Supervisor's report: Tractor remains at the dealer for maintenance/repairs, current estimate at \$4,046; hope to have it completed this week

Township Park reports:

Hatcherville/Cross: absent; nothing new to report at this time

Jones/Gordon: nothing new to report at this time

Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski: nothing new to report at this time

Pepper Martin/Floor: absent; nothing new to report at this time

Sholtey/Pickles: nothing new to report at this time

Public comments: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Pickles, seconded by Gordon
The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 5, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary