

York Township Parks and Recreation Committee
August 26, 2009
7:30 p.m.
York Township Hall

Meeting called to order by chair F. Stukenborg at 7:30 p.m.

Present: John Farmer, Norm Fischer, Kathy Fischer, Jill Hargrove, Don Hasselbach, Paul Staley, & Frank Stukenborg. **Absent:** Paul Fairchild & Fred Schettenhelm

Minutes from the July 22, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Motion J. Hargrove, support J. Farmer to approve. Carried 7-0

Citizen Comments: Guest Rick Stem indicated that he has done some landscaping work for the Milan Co. and wanted to be helpful to “both sides”. Guest Rob Buchanan, manager of the Milan Co. owned driving range stated that he was there on behalf of the Milan Co. “to be helpful”.

Announcements and Communication: F. Stukenborg collected volunteer timesheets.

Standing Reports:

J. Hargrove reported: No new information regarding Milan Co. tree mitigation, ditching to be done by county with extra soil available for park use, and scout Crowley was a no show at Board meeting at which his efforts were to be acknowledged.

P. Fairchild reported (via N. Fischer) that all was status quo at Richardson Park.

N Fischer reported that: a large branch was down near the entrance trail and will be cut back on 8/27; 2 dead Ash trees will eventually break and fall; 1 Ash already broken and leaning; J. Farmer did a good job of placing soil and seed around teaching station perimeter; large dead tree at eastern edge of property has fallen and will be dragged into pond for turtles; there are some overhanging branches on trails that need trimming.

J. Farmer reported EEPRA progress as follows: Low water level in pond is allowing plant growth; wildflower gardens are doing well; seeds are being collected to be used to establish flower beds near benches; D. Hasselbach, F. Stukenborg and N. Fischer helped to get donated materials to pond for muskrat proofing; F. Schettenhelm will be asked to work up Pheasants Forever plot this fall for seeding in fall or next spring; no current plan to stage open house this fall; scout Stuver is well on his way thru on his eagle project and expects to complete project this fall. A load of sand will be ordered to fill ruts in trails.

K. Fischer reported that committee has spent \$2700 out of budgeted \$16,000.

Special Reports:

F. Stukenborg reported on the following scouts: Jim Crowley project is complete, plaque is ready to be installed. Ian Waters project is complete. Committee is awaiting word on amount of money to be donated to the scout fund from Ian Waters. Bryce McChesney will begin work on split rail and gates this fall. Jacob Farah will start his project next spring.

Motion N. Fischer, support D. Hasselbach to submit a proposal to the township board regarding the submission of a MDNR 2010 grant for the construction of a storage barn at Richardson Park. Carried 7-0. K. Fischer will write the proposal. N. Fischer will obtain estimated costs for a DTE electrical drop.

Work day to spread chips at McCann is scheduled for Monday, 8/31 at 9 a.m.

After discussion of issues pertaining to the Moon Rd. property, it was decided that D. Hasselbach and N. Fischer will do an on-site inspection on 8/27 and report on repair or removal of damaged fencing, securing well heads and securing buildings on property.

Old Business:

Quote was received from Boice Gradal to provide 4" of limestone over 1275' for \$5160, \$2580 due in advance. Motion N. Fischer, support P. Staley to recommend awarding contract. Carried 7-0

New Business:

Motion J. Farmer, support K. Fischer to pay D. Hasselbach \$120.50 for August equipment use and fuel. Carried 7-0

Motion P. Staley, support K. Fischer to recommend Sept. proposed work as follows:

D. Hasselbach \$93 plus fuel
P. Fairchild \$97.50 plus fuel
F. Stukenborg \$57 plus fuel
Carried 7-0

N. Fischer will research prices for a rotary weed and brush cutter with accessories as well as face protection for the operator and report at the next meeting.

Motion N. Fischer, support D. Hasselbach to purchase 5 yards of sand for EEPR
Carried 7-0

Motion D. Hasselbach, support J. Farmer to purchase 4 maple trees to replace the ones that have died near the Judd Rd. Bridge. Carried 7-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Fischer

Follow-up items for Sept meeting:

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| 1. Extra soil from ditching for Richardson | Frank |
| 2. Scout Ian Waters donation | Frank |
| 3. MDNR grant, Storage building | |
| a. status of building proposal | Frank & Kathy |
| b. electrical drop estimate | Norm |
| 4. Moon Road property | |
| a. fencing, securing wellheads and buildings | Frank & Norm |
| b. check on deed restrictions | Jill |
| c. discussion on purpose and use | All |
| 5. Weed and Brush cutter | Norm |
| 6. 4 maple trees | Frank |