

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting – September 15, 2015
6:00pm**

Attendance:

Members Present: Cheryl Vonada, Deb Zimmerman, Patty Correll, Pam Rogers

Members Absent: Donna Snyder, Cindy Kunes, Jan McDowell

Guests: Noah Gaus (Prospective Eagle Scout)
Joel Sheckler (Scout Leader)

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Walker Township Park & Rec Board to order at 6:15pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building. Cheryl Vonada conducted a park inspection at Zion Ridgecrest Park prior to arriving at the meeting. Deb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Rogers motioned to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Patty Correll and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: Alex Genet was not present due to his work schedule. He will attend the October meeting to give a final report of his Eagle Scout Project.

Guests: Noah Gaus inquired if there were any projects within the Township he could do to meet the requirements for his Eagle Scout Project. Deb stated there was nothing available in the Township at this time. Several possible projects were suggested in other areas.

Old Business:

- Cheryl reported she did a walk-through at Zion Ridgecrest Park prior to the meeting. She stated the park is well maintained. She noted the sign posts are starting to show some wear and recommended they be refinished. The Board discussed adding additional equipment geared to older children;
- Vandalism in the Township Park was discussed. The Board felt perhaps the dusk to dawn lighting is an attraction to vandals. They would like to investigate installing motion lights as a deterrent.
- The Board discussed setting guidelines for Eagle Scout Projects. Some items to be included: no more short term projects, better communication between the scout the P&R Board and the Township and funding issues;
- There was nothing further to report on preparing an article for the Township website to promote the Sponsorship and Donation Policy. It was suggested a future Eagle Scout project could be to raise funds for trees and benches for the park;
- There was no further report from the sub-committee developing park rules;

- Pam Rogers inquired about placing a Suggestion box in the park. After some discussion is was decided not to pursue this idea;
- Bill Workman continues to maintain landscaping in the park. It was noted the ‘Quiet Area’ needs some updating;
- Deb is investigating lettering for the wall of appreciation. The Board discussed various methods of mounting both the lettering and the plaques;
- There was nothing further to report on the restroom construction;
- Deb contacted the resident who requested the ‘Expression Swing’ for the park;
- Grit was added to the walking trail and the trail was rolled.

New Business:

- Receipt of the Fee-in-Lieu payment for Junction House Apartments was noted.

Correspondence:

- Information was received from GameTime regarding playground grants offering matching funds. No action was taken; the deadline for participation is November 15th.

The Board discussed plans for constructing a pavilion near the new restrooms. Deb Zimmerman motioned to seek permission from the Supervisors to have all the paperwork ready to be submitted by January and to put the project out for bid in February; motion second by Cheryl Vonada and approved by all members present.

The Board tabled discussion until their October meeting on park improvements and possibly holding a Fall Festival in 2016.

Patty Correll motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Pam Rogers and approved by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

NEXT MEETING – October 20th @ 6:00pm