

1 May 22nd 2012, Birch Run Park Board Meeting

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3 Members present:

4 ? Fred Sheridan, Chair

5 ? Ramon Rosas, Acting Secretary

6 ? Keila Ruppel Knight

7 ? Lisa Kiessling

8 ? Ryan McReynolds

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11 Guests present:

12 ? Delbert Wilson

13 ? Mrs. Cuthbertson

14 ? Lori Totten

15 ? Mary Worden

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17 The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. Discussion on excavation of the new
18 playground to begin on May 27th 2012 started off this meeting. Further, Fred explained
19 that the trusses are built and ready to ship and that the building materials for the
20 concession area are in and ready to go. Also Fred commented that the siding materials
21 were available, at cost, for this project as well. Fred confirmed that Paul Ayling would
22 volunteer his services for the electrical work for both concession locations. Discussion
23 ensued about one location being established just south of the fruit trees near the old
24 school house and that the other location is yet to be decided. Kheila Knight commented
25 that she would be asking Andy Suski about refrigerators for the concession stands. Fred
26 commented that he has a friend that handles commercial refrigerators also. It was further
27 discussed that two sections of the train project are finished and are being stored at Fred's
28 house. Fred commented that the 3rd section needs the wheels finished and that the fourth
29 section is on hold indefinitely as the teacher is ill and out of school for the rest of the
30 year. Fred mentioned that he would ask the High School shop teacher for help completing
31 the project. It was discussed that the poles at the south most parking lot entrance were to

32 be straightened by Jones Excavating and that the driveway was going to be asphalted and
33 the drain tile fixed; per motion of the Township Board at the last regular meeting. Keila
34 Knight commented that the proceeds from this year's 5k race would be split between the
35 Birch Run and Taymouth Township parks with the stipulation that the money must be
36 used prior to next year's 5k race in 2013. The 5k race this year will be held on
37 September 30th, 2012. Discussion followed about concession ideas for items to sell.

38 Lisa Kiessling mentioned that the survey is finalized and ready to be sent out with the tax
39 bills. The date of the public hearing was changed to August 21st 2012 at 7:00 pm.

40 Ramon spoke on the general maintenance update of the park for the last month
41 mentioning; the bathrooms and basketball goals were painted and new nets were installed
42 on the basketball goals. Also, that the spraying for weeds at the park was done for the
43 year and that the tile running under the outfield of field #2 was repaired and restored.

44 Fred spoke on having a presentation "Park Design from Dirt to Trees" take place June at
45 the government room at 1:00 pm. It was discussed that the Friends of the Trolley Line
46 Trail committee was meeting Wednesday May 23rd 2012 and suggested that members of
47 the park committee consider attending

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49 The next park committee meeting will take place June 19th 2012 at 7:00 pm at the
50 Township Park.

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52 The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

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