

**WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Wheatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board met on August 15th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** John Weldon, Dave Mills, Shawn Fuller and Phyllis Krieger, Absent was Jim Fuller. Also present was Barry & Candi Schrope, Holly Potter, Bob Cash, Vicki & Dave Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Jeff & Amanda Smith, Paul Wyatt, Phillip & Lorraine Vogel and Paul Krieger.

Phyllis stated that this meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

Shawn Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by John Weldon. Motion approved by all present.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Checking Balance 07/31/2023	17,266.08
Saving Balance 07/31/2023	17,597.78
<b>TOTAL FUNDS 07/31/2023</b>	<b>35,565.24</b>

Shawn Fuller made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion seconded by John Weldon. Motion approved by all present

Bills	Due Date	Check #	Amount
PPL	8/25/2023	800	94.81
A to Z Lawn care	8/17/2023	799	105.00

With the addition of \$171.89 (Ck 901) to Grainger for motor. Shawn Fuller made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Phyllis Krieger. Motion approved by all present.

**Regular maintenance:**

1. Trim Brush on the hiking trails.
2. Pressure wash tractor, gator, mower, inside of restrooms.
3. Seal the handicapped fishing deck and benches.
4. Trim Grass at the walking bridge.
5. Clean cobwebs from front of buildings.
6. Spray weeds on ball fields.

**Old projects to be done.**

1. Re-Blaze the trail markers and property boundaries.
2. Cut ground level down from large dumpster to bridge (left side of railroad).
3. Purchase top soil to fill in the area around the pavilion and playground.
4. Purchase and install new playground equipment (this means expanding the playground area)
5. Clear a trail from the loop trail down to the west end of the Paradise Road Bridge.
6. Grade area on field #1 outfield so water can run to the creek.
7. Repaint lines for parking spaces.
8. See that sign out sheet for zero turn mower is completed and the oil is checked and air filters cleaned before use

## REMARKS FROM VISITORS:

Phil and Lorraine Vogel thanked the board for all the work they do with the park.

Vicki asked if the signs were ordered for the ball field and wondered if there was going to be something special or dedication for putting them up. Board thought probably not unless they are in by the picnic and someone wants to. Phyllis stated signs were not ordered yet.

Barry stated that at the July township meeting John said he paved from the gate out to the road, John said if he did it was misunderstood. John said that this was already discussed and explained again that the rec board paid for everything out to the gate and everything back is what John paid for, rec board paid for anything that was not on the square yards for the parking lot because the parking lot was bigger, Barry asked who paid for gate back to the pavilion, John stated the rec board paid, that what we added and what brought up the issue about not having three quotes. Barry said at the township meeting John said he paid for it and Barry thought he meant that was Johns \$4000 mix up he got billed for. John originally figured he paved to the gate, then they changed it and that the park paid for that, he was told no by the supervisors, that's why he reimbursed the township \$4300. John asked why he keeps having to go over this so many times and asked if they wanted to go to the park and he can show them what was done. John showed Barry total square footage less the bid package, less reimbursement by him, came to the bill that was paid by the rec board. Barry brought up the comment that he paid from gate to paradise and he was asked twice, that was on tape from supervisor meeting, John does not remember saying that, But if its on tape he must of said, if you look at original quote Robin made up there was paving to be done at the gate. That section that was done, John paid for that then the parking lot was added and they changed that John paid for that and the rec board paid for the gate to the road and the difference in the size of the parking lot, and they have gone over it so many times. Barry was not able to prove to John that there was any miscalculations.

Dave wants project to be finalized and over but its like a sore, Barry said something was said he was under the impression that John didn't pay for the black top then John said he did pay for it and maybe this was not the place to do it.

Dave asked Barry what they are looking for, and if someone owes money, Barry thought they may because the story keep changing and it changes all the numbers. Dave stated everything was finalized with the state and didn't understand what they are still looking at this for that they brought up again, Barry said they brought it back up at the town ship meeting. Barry said Jim said he investigated and nothing was wrong, but he's not here so he can't ask him about anything and John changed what he said on the tape. Dave stated this was not rec board business its between him and John. Barry stated it can be brought back up at the supervisor meeting or that he would just meet with John , he has everything written down. Dave asked if Barry wants to be known as the supervisor that brought down the rec board and had them abolished or helped get bridge built at Wagner Park, Barry stated he is just worried about the money, if they thought there was a problem with the project, things missed in the contract, the supervisors would have brought up to DCNR, things would have been a different story. they are not looking to destroy anybody, Dave stated he thinks they are because they keep bringing it up over and over. Dave adjourned himself from the meeting. John asked if there was any more rec board business, he adjourned the meeting, Shawn made a motion to adjourn Dave Mills seconded and left. Discussion continued after the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Work to be done:

- Handicap sign needs fixed
- Fishing deck needs sealed
- Hydro spray front of building
- Gaga pit needs to be sealed.
- Repaint parking lines by building

Phyllis will order signs for ball fields.

Dave Linville is looking into Mural and painting the bridge, it was discussed that maybe railroad tracks can be painted over the bridge.

Supervisors still deciding what to do with final grant money.

Internet at park update: They will waive install of \$5200, Blue Ridge wants a 5-year contract. Monthly fee is \$54.95, John feels this is too much, Shawn and Phyllis feel it is reasonable, although Phyllis feels in winter months when not in use it will be wasteful. Shawn feels if it helps one person in an emergency it is worth it. Vicki already emailed Blue Ridge and said we did not want, will contact if we decide to use them. Paul Krieger talked to Township Association; they cannot help. He has a call in to a local person that worked for a local phone company. Talked about a booster or repeater. Needs to know signal strength, all agree it shouldn't be with just one carrier. This is tabled for now.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave:

- Will need a new chain saw, trimming needs to be done, pruning needs to be done around the parking lot, and the pavilion, trees down at the railroad trail.
- Communication lines from road to bridge (think its Blue Ridge) 3 pairs, are good, 3 pairs are bad, both coaxes are bad.
- Removed 3 bees nests and wasp nest at playground under slide.
- Installed bathroom fan
- Work needs to be done on the field 2 fence, needs a bottom rail to keep from bowing.

Phyllis:

- Appreciates that Dave cleans the bathrooms weekly
- Last check number is 800, new ones start at 901 because 801-900 was sent to the park address and returned to bank, had to stop payment on those (at no charge) and reissue new numbers.
- We received \$275 in Bob Foltz's memory from a few donors. (will be deposited in August)
- Electric supplier rate from American Power & Gas will expire on 9/1/23, Phyllis will switch to new supplier Inspire at lower rate for 18 months.

The next meeting will be September 19th, 6:30 at the township building.

Shawn Fuller made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm. Dave Mills seconded. Motion approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Krieger, Secretary

cc: Township Supervisors