



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes- Draft 11/7/25

Attendees: Phil Sczykutowicz, Shelly Sercomb, Michelle Boulter, Phil Preston

Unable to attend: Kay Brown.

Called to order 5:15

Public Comments (2 minutes): None

Agenda Approval

1. Approve minutes from 7/1/25 and 8/5/25 – **Approved.**
2. Football - Davinci School – **Bill Bedenkopf (Athletic Director & teacher) attended from Davinci Schools. They have high interest to use Rod Mills back fields for a new football program. The P&R committee agreed to continue to explore and support recreation in Blackman Twp with Davinci Schools in providing athletic opportunities for their students.**
3. Update on the completed camera project. **Completed at Rod Mills.**
4. Potential camera or cameras here at this complex. **Cameras will be added around the office & construction site. Some tbd.**
5. Conversation on the current stone trail, **It was rolled and improved. Wait & See if this is enough to improve the trail.. .**
6. Thoughts on completion of the remainder of the northern loop of the trail. **To be considered vs other projects going forward.**
7. Update on pavilion, pickleball....Discussion and status to date. They are underwork. PB courts will go to spring for surface coating.
8. Ongoing potential fundraising for tables at the pavilion, as well as potential benches at pickleball. **Message to go into the newsletter by Phil & Dave.**
9. Future plantings to shield the view of the prison fence around the water tower. **TBD.**
10. Parking for pickleball players? **Parking will occur at the north edge of the office lot. Concrete sidewalk from parking lot north to the walk between the pavilion and the bathrooms will make good sense. Add this to the planned concrete work.**
11. Detailed review of the Parks ordinance. **the review was done to recognize input from Attorney Eric White. Changes are in the works with further clarifications to be made. Anticipate the O will not go to the Board until January/February time frame.**
12. Added items for the newsletter
 1. **Inviting ideas from our public for renaming ideas for Marino park**

- 2. Provide information on places for food assistance or other aid. Compassionate Ministries supplies and works with many food banks in Jackson County. Phil to reach out to CM to consider/determine message for Newsletter.**

Public comments. (3 minutes) **None**

Meeting closed at 7:30

Reported by: Phil Preston.